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"Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the water, that shall be an abomination unto you."
—Leviticus 11:11

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination."
—Leviticus 18:22

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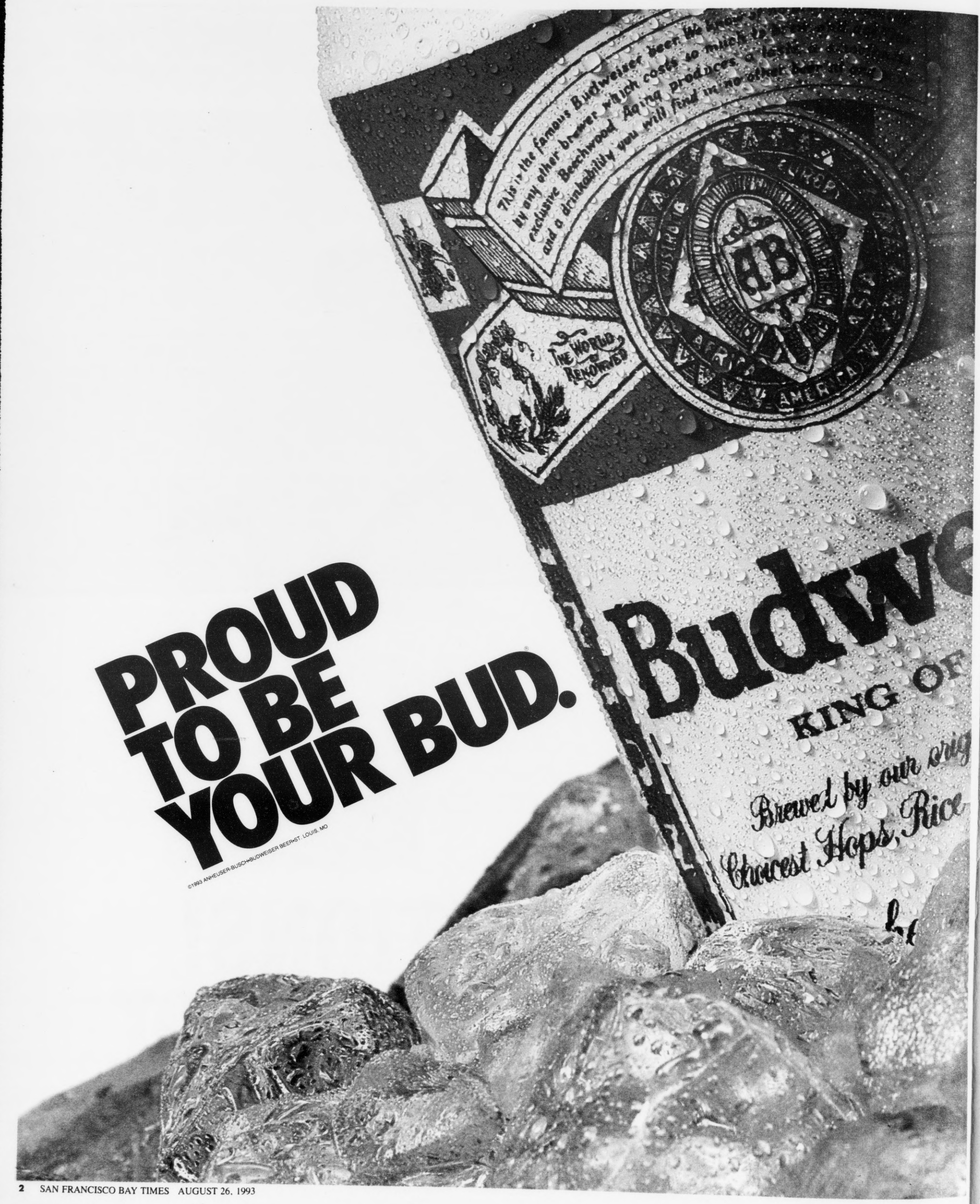
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(letters)

Something to Live For

Some weeks ago, *Chronicle* columnist Adair Lara wrote a column wherein she asked her readers to share with her those special things about San Francisco that fill our hearts with joy. For Ms. Lara, an endearingly eccentric straight woman with all the cloying charm of a phone commercial, it was the palm trees recently installed along Market. I found myself unable to come up with anything to contribute, which made me realize the horrifying bleakness of my everyday life. That is, until this morning, when I picked up the *SF Bay Times* and read Don Baird's "Best Of" column ("Beat This," Aug. 12). My god, this man is a genius, a treasure, and has earned my lifelong adoration as icon of choice. Every article that he writes illuminates me, entertains me, and invariably clues me in to the coolest goings-on about town—way before they become part of the overhyped mainstream culture. He has an uncanny ability to not only observe the scene around him, but enhance it, pervert it, and laugh hysterically at it. He covers the social whirl from glam to slam, has taken me vicariously to many a fabulous social event that I would never have known of on my own (see the abortion party column, July 1, 1993) and includes a respectable amount of sarcasm-ridden lust toward boyflesh which this white girl greatly appreciates. What other celebutant offers so much? And all the while he retains that charming small town cheerfulness, especially when he is enthusiastically encouraging some spent piece of ring meat to "Work my butt! No, really!" He even goes to Zeitgeist, which even my straight friends are scared of. Not all of us 20something heterosexual liberals want to sit in coffeehouses and discuss metaphysics while being punished by bad jazz. Thank god I can read Don's column and find an escape from mediocrity, sanctuary from the sanctimonious, and refuge from the banal crawl toward obscurity that San Francisco seems intent on. Thank you *SF Bay Times*, for Don Baird. I've finally got something to live for.

Celestina De Mare
San Francisco

"Drop Banana Drinks"?

Ha ha ha.

In search of the truth, I rearranged the letters in their names. *Nan Parks* is really "Ann Kraps," while *Don Baird* is "Odd Brain." Putting them together gives "D Krap And No Brains."

With 50,000 writers out of work, why does the best paper in four states need their senseless TP-weight filler?

Pascale Laroche
Palo Alto

A Queen in Disguise?

Nan Parks, if you aren't really a queen in disguise (and why else would you be throwing around all those capitals and parentheses and mile-long sentences?), you are one funny straight woman. With your obvious sincerity and your blissful ignorance, you've created the freshest comic persona to appear in any gay rag this decade.

I don't believe for a moment you're a stranger to self-parody, but just for the sake of argument I'm going to assume you're on the level and respond to some of your questions and comments. Remember, please, that I speak only for myself and not for the queer community at large.

Nan, one lesbian sister, however dearly loved, does not put you on the "inside." To become an insider, you must cultivate a wide range of gay and lesbian acquaintances with a variety of different, often contradictory viewpoints. You must invite them into your home and earn the right to be invited into their homes, not as a token straight person but as a friend. And you must learn to listen at least as well as you speak. Until you manage all this, your opinion about our lives won't be worth much.

Now to your question, "Why aren't gay men friends... with straight women?" They are! Gay men and straight women make terrific buddies, partly because (I speculate here) the two groups share an interest in men but are not competing for the same specimens. Anyway, isn't friendship a matter of commonality rather than sexuality? I only ask.

Straight men are another issue. Most of the world's homophobia is concentrated in this discouragingly large, loud group, and while we cherish the exceptions, we are understandably wary of the rest. Try planting your average straight man all by himself in a gay bar and you'll see what I mean.

The *Newsweek* problem is more complex, but for me it boils down to the right of self-definition. You, Nan, don't like to see your community misrepresented in the gay press; how would you feel if this misrepresentation dominated all the media all day, every day, year in and year out, with even the most sympathetic pieces done by ill-informed outsiders? That, briefly, is our dilemma, and what we want, I think, is the right to tell our own stories in our own ways. Straights, however well-intentioned, have no business doing it for us.

I could go on, but the editor wouldn't thank me for it. Complaints notwithstanding, Nan, I truly enjoyed your columns and I hope you keep writing in spite of the negative mail you'll surely get. Don't let them mess up your style, either; it's perfect as is. Give Doug and Carol my best.

Paul Dana
San Francisco

My Half Loaf

You know, Nan, you're absolutely right [about gays in the military]: half a loaf is better than no loaf at all. I don't mind the ban because now I can stop paying the outrageous prices for health clubs and join the military and when I've lost all the weight I need to I can have someone ask if I'm a lesbian and then tell. I can come back home in-shape, free from any kind of military commitment and get paid to do it.

Is that a more positive attitude for you?

Heidi Griggs
Richmond

Clueless

I'll give you some straight talk! As a heterosexual woman with a lesbian sister, I see that Nan Parks is clueless as to the power and love available in a het/les sisterhood. My lesbian sister is the most important person in my life journey. When we were little girls, every night I told her bedtime stories, which shaped me into the writer and storyteller I am today. As adults, we were allies in healing our childhood abuse by validating each other's memories. But my most important life gift, given to me by my sister many years ago, was when she took me to women's land where her lover was the priestess in a Dianic coven. With the support of lesbian witches, I came out of the "broom closet" and claimed my life's work in the women's spirituality movement.

Unlike Ms. Parks, my sisterly bond is not about "shopping at Nordstrom." I am unconditionally supportive of my sister's lesbianism and was there for her when she came out; whereas Ms. Parks writes, "It seems as if all Carol and I ever do is argue." Her statement about "Desert Storm, which I personally believe was necessary," shows how far she has yet to journey to peace and consciousness. Please withdraw her column.

Blessed Be,
Susan Mermaid
Sausalito

Objectionable Depiction of Heterosexuals

Re: "Straight Talk" by Nan Parks and "Now Carol, my sister who is a lesbian, and I have been having this argument—I know it seems as if all Carol and I ever do is argue, but believe it or not we DO get along great in some ways and the other day we had to go shopping together at Nordstrom because my cousin's wedding is coming up and Carol's wardrobe contains exactly five pairs of IDENTICAL, torn-up blue jeans plus a pair of black silk pants which are the ONLY thing she has to wear on any even slightly dressy occasion... and I told her she is not wearing those pants once again, particularly since Beth is getting married outdoors in late summer, and she let me take her shopping and we actually ended up laughing hysterically in the changing room where she had on a blue silk shift and these horrible black shoes that even her ex-girlfriend agrees are hideous... but you would have had to be there—it was just like any two sisters and we had a great time."

I am a gay man who reads the *SF Bay Times* every now and then. I object to the depiction of heterosexual people which the new column "Straight Talk" portrays. Most literate people know when it's time to bring a sentence to a close. These very same people, heterosexual or homosexual, know how to end that sentence. My middle-of-the-road, conservative, white, yuppie-like, 20-year-old, younger brother who lives in a condo in San Jose, knows that "you people" is not exactly a good way to refer to a minority. There are many questions and issues about gays and gay life that heterosexual people might want to point out and/or discuss which are not being addressed by the *SF Bay Times* "Straight Talk" column. I would suggest perhaps finding an intelligent and literate heterosexual (of either sex) to write this "Straight Talk" column and taking Ms. Nan Parks back to where you found her and leaving her there.

Daniel Karellen
San Francisco

Below Standards

It seems that minimum writing standards do not apply to heterosexuals when they write for a lesbian/gay newspaper. Since you seem compelled to employ a straight columnist, why don't you choose someone with a wee bit of talent, rather than Nan Parks ("Straight Talk") whose weak, meandering, condescending, homophobic "writings" (a generous title) do nothing but anger and alienate a large portion of your loyal readers (thus far anyway)?

Secondly, why must we be informed about the straight way of thinking? Aren't we embedded in it and surrounded by it? Please realize that we know it by heart. If we want their view, all we have to do is pick up any one of the major newspapers printed every day. Isn't the *SF Bay Times* a gay/lesbian newspaper?

Please reconsider!

Kirsty Greene
Oakland

Is This Satire?

I have read both of Nan Parks' columns—twice—trying to understand what she is attempting to say. Is this satire? At first glance I found it to be an interesting concept—a straight-identified writer in a queer paper. I have lost faith in the concept as it has been applied. It was as if I were reading a student's first-term composition, wherein a writer has no knowledge of style, format or consistency. There is a lot to be said for a writer who can stick to a subject (just one!), and come to a point, in a logical manner, with fewer words abused than Ms. Parks.

Silly, juvenile conversations belong with silly juveniles. So, I say, "Like, isn't it time to get rid of, like, silly space-wasters in this otherwise, like, fat newspaper?" Please, tell me that you have made up Nan Parks from your ever so creative imaginations, and then consign "her" to the scrap heap where she belongs. Perhaps Carol (her sister who is a lesbian) could take some time away from re-educating Nan (which is what she should be doing), and guest-write the column. Of course, this presupposes the fact that these people actually exist.

Pieter M. Van Houten
San Francisco

Why?

After Nan Parks' first column (if you can call it that—I think she should save her thoughts for her diary) I had to ask myself *why?* Not only is her writing ignorant, trite and homophobic, but *boring* and *insulting* too! What in the hell is she doing in our paper? Are you trying to attract straight readers and advertising money? If so, at least get somebody who is interesting and can tell all of us something.

It's really too much for me—how *bad* her column is, writing and content. My friends and I want to sit Ms. Parks down and try to bore her to tears with our narrow-minded, anti-straight stories.

Again, *why* is she in our paper?

Kay Machado
Oakland

Ammiano's Inclusion

As the senior member on the Board of Education, I have witnessed the nature of school board leadership and the treatment of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues in the San Francisco Unified School District for the last five years.

I had to fight mightily for Project 10 during my second year on the board. I had to struggle to salvage our affirmative action program during my third year. Along the way, I also had to advocate for sensivity within the district's health program office. The office was not *pro-active* in translating health or family life education materials into languages that students and parents understood. Moreover the contents of the district's AIDS training program lacked much diversity. When I encouraged staff to reach out to community-based organizations for that breadth of perspective, the request was ignored. When pressed, agencies were called the day before a training to participate. The district often ignored ethnic and sexual minority issues, hoping they would disappear or be forgotten.

Tom Ammiano's presence on the board has had a calming and yet uplifting effect on the board and this district. His presidency has been marked by a clear message: *Inclusion.* Every youngster in this school district will be educated, and his/her background will be respected. Their diversity will be used to enhance their learning. He unilaterally led the fight on the condom and Boy Scout issues. He persisted, despite stiff opposition from staff and the board. Condoms are now distributed in *all* our high

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schools, and the Boy Scouts have been banned.

Mr. Ammiano is a person of conviction and conscience. He has made our school district and the health program office much more responsive. His election to the board and his ascendancy to the presidency have certainly facilitated my advocacy for the children in our schools.

Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D.
Vice President
San Francisco Board of Education

Get Real

I got a phone call one afternoon two weeks ago from an individual identifying himself as with the "Ad Hoc Committee Against Homophobes on the Human Rights Commission." In the phone call I was told a full page ad was being prepared for one of the gay rags which all the appointees, staff and commissioners of the Mayor were being asked to sign. I was also told I had only until 5 pm that day to agree to sign the ad, and that if I didn't agree by that time I would be listed as a "collaborator" to homophobia.

The person on the phone was perfectly nice and agreed I had a valid point when I pointed out that I had been working for the Mayor's Office of Community Development for over three years, preceding the current Mayor. The caller also agreed that I had a good point when I noted that, while I agree that Rev. Lumpkin should no longer serve on the HRC, there might be some differences between us about how to talk about the issue.

This is particularly true in light of my concern that the issue has—right or wrong—now been racialized and has increased the existing polarization between the straight African-American community and the lesbian/gay/bisexual community. Frankly, I did not want to sign my name to a statement that might inflame this polarization rather than shed light on it and work to find some common ground.

Unfortunately, this understanding did not translate into action. I was not provided with the ad copy, and was also advised it was too late to make any changes in it anyway. The caller informed me the ad was OK, and I shouldn't worry about the language. The caller was also very reluctant to tell me who else was in this ad hoc group.

The issue here is not one of the public's right to hold lesbians and gay men in public service accountable. Of course that right exists. The issue here is the accountability of those acting in the name of our community. Let's get real! Who's going to agree to put their name on a public statement, sight unseen, written by person or persons unknown? The process was truly irresponsible—questions and concerns were heard, but then dismissed because they didn't fit an already predetermined outcome.

Many of us in city government probably agree that Rev. Lumpkin should not continue on the HRC; that his stated beliefs, while his right to hold and say, undermine the credibility of the HRC's mission to ensure protection for all against discrimination. But it undermines our own community's credibility when we demonstrate our inability to engage in real and responsible dialogue—within and outside of our community. Our righteous demand for equality and justice rings hollow when, at the same time, members of our community engage in dishonest tactics and intimidation.

The controversy over Rev. Lumpkin occurs against a backdrop of racism in the lesbian/gay community and AIDSphobia and homophobia in the straight African-American community. There is common ground in our struggles for social justice, and we must find it. But in the process we have to treat each other differently. If we're truly serious about change, then we have to learn that how we treat each other and our allies says as much about our true politics as our banners and newspaper ads.

Pam David
Mayor's Office of Community Development
San Francisco

An Odd Little Story

I'd like to share an odd little story with you and your readers. Yesterday, my partner and I, along with some friends, headed down to Candlestick Park to see the Giants play the Phillies. Before the game got under way, the eight of us set up a tailgate barbecue in the parking lot and tossed a Frisbee around. Meanwhile pedestrians were strolling by heading toward the stadium.

One couple in particular, a young man and woman holding hands and walking with a group of friends, caught my attention. They were turning around and pointing at our tailgate. In particular, their attention seemed to focus on me and my partner, who had very casually put his arm around my shoulder. Within seconds they were giggling in amazement and brazenly gathering the attention of their friends to marvel at the two men making physical contact.

The irony of this isn't immediately obvious—after all, gay men and lesbians get harassed all the time. But these two weren't the average American couple. He was African American and she was white. I guess they just didn't get it, did they? Twenty years ago if they had strolled across the parking lot of Candlestick Park (or any other place in this great and tolerant land) holding hands, the best they could have hoped for were jeers. More realistically, however, that kind of contact would lead to physical violence or stoning. Why now were they complacent to the point where they could mock and jeer at us? Doesn't that seem like the obvious question to ask?

I look forward to the day when we can all hold hands with whom we want in public. I am happy that we live in a place where this particular couple felt safe enough to do so. Power to 'em. Maybe the next time, they won't take for granted the jeers and mocks that other mixed-ethnic couples before them had to suffer. Maybe they'll remember how uncomfortable their predecessors were forced to feel and will think twice before inflicting that on another couple.

Dean Boojamra
San Francisco

Broken Crayons?

I can't believe it—an issue of the *SF Bay Times* that doesn't contain a letter from either Thomas Edwards or Beth Elliot. Can they both have broken their crayons?

L. Abuban
San Francisco

Waiting for My Rights

Since my return from the March on Washington, I have eagerly waited, with the resolve of a saint. Each day, I run to the mailbox with excited anticipation, only to find it empty of the riches I seek. Day after fruitless day has passed; the summer of my yearning has slowly turned to autumn. Winter will soon be here.

Yes, I went to Washington and I still have not received my rights. I was there. I was the one standing on the post in front of the White House, wearing ruby slippers. I was there.

So, what I am wondering is, how long does something like this take? Do you suppose the mailman sent my rights to someone else? Could it be that somewhere there is some conservative white supremacist coveting my hard-earned rights? The horror! Perhaps some little old lady in Iowa is right now decoupaging little flowers and Snoopy cut-outs onto my rights as you, dear reader, are reading this letter? (I wouldn't mind, if it was tasteful.)

Should I write a letter? If so, to whom? I'm really confused about this... although I shouldn't worry—after all, I know everyone in D.C. is looking out for me, that's why I pay taxes.

I had even bought a lovely frame.

Mitcho
San Francisco

Don't Whip the Donkey

Tim Kingston, as usual, did an excellent story, this time on the Clinton compromise concerning gays in the military. I would caution, though, that (1) Clinton is only a "centrist" in the sense that a weathervane is centered, (2) the California Democratic Party remains behind us, and (3) before we split the Democratic Party, where are we going to go? To the GOP?

So don't beat the poor donkey, brothers and sisters—she's trying. It's the fat guy who's riding the donkey that ought to be horsewhipped.

Three reasons why we should stay behind the Democratic Party, if only so we can kick it in the butt:

- We have people appearing in party central committees and in local office, something we'd never do in the GOP grassroots or on the GOP ticket.
- Pete Wilson comes up for re-election in 1994. We remember AB101, and we're going to dump him on his ass—but we'll have to do it through the Democratic Party. And so doing, we'll send a message: Redeem yourself, Slick Willie, or you wind up like Sneaky Pete.
- When the 1996 primaries are at hand, and Bill Clinton comes around looking for the Democratic nomination, we'll be there to contest it.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Marin/Sonoma) is one California Democrat who has stuck with us—and has a personal reason to. Her son is gay, a fact she used as a weapon during the battle over the ban.

What's more, as a member of the House budget committee, *and* the House-Senate budget conference committee, she's in a position to do some good for us. And she has done so: She has just authored a bill (HR2743) that will, if enacted, dock the military budget for every service member discharged in a witch hunt. This is the f.st time anybody has attacked the ban from the budget side, and it deserves your support.

So, call or write your local congressperson, and both U.S. senators, and urge them to support Lynn's

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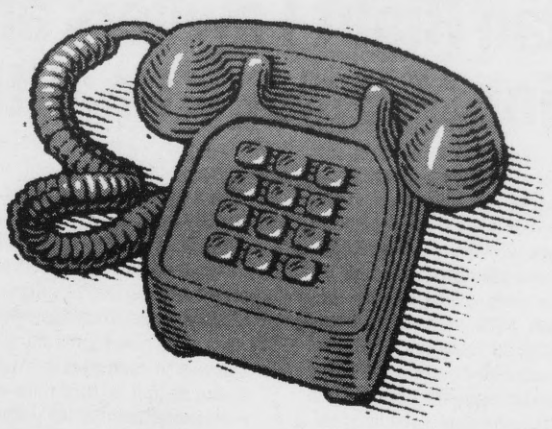

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Rev. Lumpkin's Brand New Friends: Christian Right Lawyers and the Traditional Values Coalition

by Tim Kingston

In trying to quell one hornet's nest, Mayor Frank Jordan may well have broken open another—and this time there are national repercussions, because the aggrieved party is the fundamentalist Christian right. After resolutely defending the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin's religious freedom to make homophobic comments for the past two months, Jordan abruptly fired him on Aug. 23, following the reverend's reluctant implication on a television talk show that death by stoning is an appropriate Old Testament solution to the problem of homosexuality.

"Eugene Lumpkin was no asset to the Human Rights Commission," said Simeon White of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee to the HRC. "We could have avoided this last month-and-a-half of anguish if the Mayor had done what he should have quickly, which was to dismiss Lumpkin."

Not surprisingly, Rev. Lumpkin felt differently. At a noon press conference at City Hall the day he was fired, Lumpkin promised legal action against the City—alleging his First Amendment rights as a Christian had been violated by his removal from the Human Rights Commission. He stressed his unblemished voting record at the HRC and charged, "It is only by determined, partisan, and inaccurate inquiry into my religious beliefs, with loud catcalls naming me a bigot and homophobe, that I am now found wanting."

Lumpkin's backers on the steps of City Hall included a phalanx of conservative African American ministers, as well as the City's two most active white Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) ministers: the Rev. Charles McIllhenny and the Rev. David Innes.

But the most noteworthy aspect of the day was the legal counsel Lumpkin sought. Brad Dacus, of the Rutherford Institute, a fundamentalist Christian legal foundation with offices around the country, is now representing Lumpkin pro bono. Dacus argues, however, that the Rutherford Institute is not a fundamentalist front but is a nondenominational legal foundation devoted to the cause of religious freedom.

"This case could become the Brown vs. Board of Education for religious liberty in the 1990s," declared Dacus, hijacking the language of the civil rights movement. He asserted, "It is the same as if he was removed because he is an African American. He was discriminated against because of his religious beliefs. This is on its face a violation of Title 7 [employment discrimination] of the Civil Rights Act."

Dacus and the Rutherford Foundation view Lumpkin's suit as a test case of the right of Christians to hold state power. "What the Mayor and the City of San Francisco are saying is that those of traditional religious beliefs have no right to be involved in the political process in the City," said Dacus.

Local attorneys and City Hall sources say Lumpkin's lawsuit has the survival odds of a gerbil in Richard Gere's apartment. They cite two reasons. First, the Mayor has the legal right to dump a commissioner for *any* reason at *any* time. Second, the courts will probably deem the whole mess a "political question" and throw it back to the sharks in the political arena for settlement.

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Rev. Lumpkin and Ross McGowan on the Ch. 2 talk show that sealed the reverend's fate.

But, even if doomed, the legal issue is still very useful for the Christian right. The whole fiasco made it to the Aug. 24 edition of "Nightline," and that sort of publicity is priceless. The Rutherford Institute and other fundamentalists can count on raking in thousands of dollars of donations off the Lumpkin affair. Conjecture abounds that it is only a matter of time before Lumpkin appears on Pat Robertson's 700 Club—as *the* persecuted Christian from San Francisco.

"On the whole, Rev. Lumpkin's supporters are getting lighter in complexion," archly noted African American gay activist Randy Miller, standing on the steps of City Hall. "The Traditional Values Coalition supporters are moving to the fore, rather than staying in the background. Many people of African American descent would be surprised to see the TVC involved." Miller added that the TVC has opposed both incarnations of the federal civil rights bill when it went through Congress.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: LUMPKIN, TVC, RUTHERFORD

As Lumpkin's original political and religious backers in the African American community are edging away from him, Lumpkin's base of support is rapidly becoming more reactionary. Where once there were the likes of Rev. Amos Brown, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, and Lulann McGriff, director of the SF NAACP—who both told *SF Bay Times* that Lumpkin's comments on TV had simply gone too far—now there are conservative baptist ministers, the TVC and the Rutherford Institute.

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bear careful scrutiny—the Rutherford Institute in particular. That name alone should set off alarm bells among local activists and politicos familiar with the far right.

When San Franciscans for Common Sense (SFCS) first challenged the City's original domestic partners ordinance in 1988, the Rutherford Institute filed a friend of the court brief on their behalf. After the campaign was over, TVC supporter Rev. Charles McIllhenny, then intimately involved in the SFCS effort, stipulated all left-over funds were to go the Rutherford Institute.

The Rutherford Institute's activities in San Francisco are but a small part of its nationwide efforts. The Rutherford Institute has five regional offices across the U.S., and three international offices. It is challenging Hawaii's legalization of gay marriage, and is busy trying to kill New Jersey's gay rights law, says Marghe Covino, director of Project Tocsin, a Sacramento research group that tracks the Christian right.

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"The Rutherford Institute was the first, and remains the most significant of the Christian right's legal firms," explains Sara Diamond, author of *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right*. Diamond adds, "The Rutherford Institute is the leading civil liberties organization specializing in the defense of religious freedom and the sanctity of human life."

Diamond says the Institute cut its teeth working on home schooling issues, then moved into defending anti-abortion "sidewalk counselors" who harass women seeking medical care. Now she says they are broadening the range of issues they litigate. Diamond asserts Lumpkin's suit "is an important case given the Christian right's mobilization on a local level."

"The Christian right is working on making overtures to the African American community, so to the extent this is the persecution of an African American Christian, you have a nice set of public relations themes" to be exploited, says Diamond. There is pragmatic value to be had, as well, Diamond notes: Since the Christian right strategy is to place fundamentalists in prominent local political positions, this battle could provide useful legal stratagems in future conflicts.

SF's TVC Minister David Innes (after the guillotine).

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WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE...

While the Rutherford Institute may be seeking alliances with African Americans, one of its primary theological advisors is R.J. Rushdoony, who is not exactly sympathetic to African American concerns. Quotes that Covino has lifted from Rushdoony's writing on biblical law are fairly straightforward: "The matrilineal society is decadent. The strongly matrilineal character of negro life is due to the moral failure of negro men. Their failure [is] to be responsible to support the family or provide authority [sic, sic, sic]."

Not surprisingly, Rushdoony's statements on homosexuality are equally charitable. Covino says, according to Rushdoony, "the penalty for homosexuality is death." She adds, "They can't disassociate themselves from the philosophy that founded them. These are people that are after the gay/lesbian community."

Asked what relationship Rushdoony has to the Institute, attorney Dacus appeared unfamiliar with the name, saying, "I don't know of any relationship. R.J. Rushdoony holds no position in the organization."

After being read Rushdoony's comments, Ducas stated, "We are ardently against racial discrimination. That is unthinkable if that is his position. Our organization is an equal opportunity employer...We are against discrimination based on race, creed or color in the workplace. We don't discriminate against women in the workplace."

Dacus did not know if the Rutherford Institute has similar workplace protections for sexual orientation, and said, "We have taken no position on homosexual rights or discrimination." Ducas did, however, refer in passing to sexual orientation as a "behavior." That is a term often used by fundamentalists to describe gays, lesbians and bisexuals, because they argue behavior is not a legally protected class: therefore gays cannot seek legal redress and protection.

"That is an artful lie," retorts Chip Berlet, of Political Research Associates in Cambridge, when told the Institute's claims of nondiscrimination. "The Rutherford Institute stands for a form of Christian theocracy." Berlet adds that Rushdoony is one of the group's "leading theoretical fronts, no doubt about it. Rushdooney is an intellectual mentor of [Institute founder John] Whitehead."

Berlet describes Whitehead as a "theocratic fascist" who claims secular education is a form of Nazi indoctrination. "The Rutherford Institute is about as far right as you can get and still remain in the electoral system," says Berlet.

If further evidence is needed of the direction that Lumpkin is headed these days, he co-authored a letter with Traditional Values Coalition members Rev. McIllhenny and Rev. David Innes explaining his comments on the Channel 2 program. The letter argues that Lumpkin follows the New Testament, not the Old Testament—and states he does not call for the stoning death of homosexuals, as his comments on television imply. That letter states, "Although the prohibitions are essentially the same, the penalties are no longer deadly....In the new age of the gospel the Church is called [on] to evangelize the unbeliever." Now, isn't that reassuring?

The sudden appearance of the national Christian right wing in the affair deeply worries Rev. Yvette Flunder of the City of Refuge Community Church. "I do not want to see the African American religious community co-opted by the Moral Majority, or the religious right, because there is a great deal of racism in the religious right. The religious right has not been historically a friend to Black people— not at all....We have to be very careful here."

DROPPING THE BALL

By Aug. 19 Jordan had essentially won. The Mayor has ultimate authority over his commissioners. Lumpkin's opponents could yell and scream all they wanted, but they had no power to force Lumpkin's removal. Lumpkin was there for the duration—that is until he went on TV on Aug. 20 to be asked if he thought death by stoning was an appropriate punishment for homosexuality. "The Bible says it is," replied Lumpkin. Channel 2's Ross McGowan tried again, asking, "Do *you* believe that?" Lumpkin replied, "That is what God said."

"Why didn't the idiot just shut up?" asked one perplexed insider, "They had won!" Or as activist Gerard Koskovich noted, "I guess the guy is just a sore winner." The general reaction to Lumpkin's comments was stunned silence at first. Then people found their tongues. "Gross stupidity on the face of it," complained one African American activist.

"I saw the show, and I was a bit taken aback," said Lulann McGriff—formerly a vehement supporter of Lumpkin—in a quiet, still voice. "I don't know if I would go so far as to say he condones stoning. But, I thought it was unfortunate for him not to say one way or the other....Silence is consent."

The Rev. Amos Brown stressed that he did not share Lumpkin's theological position from the start, but supported him to demonstrate political solidarity with another African American minister. "But for Lumpkin to go on Channel 2," said Brown, "and...be positioned in such a way that it comes out he is condoning someone being stoned to death based on Leviticus....I won't support that kind of nonsense!" Both McGriff and Brown support Jordan's decision to remove Lumpkin from the HRC.

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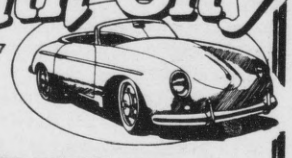
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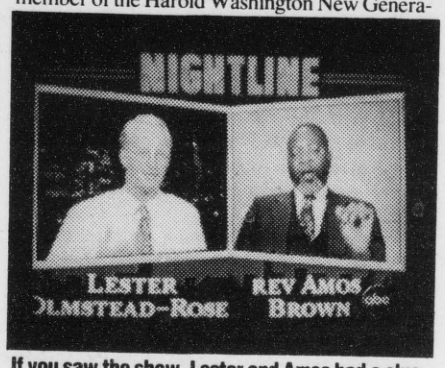
the quality of Lumpkin's scriptural interpretations. "This is a clear example of taking a passage of scripture out of context, and using it to defend an already existing prejudice. Scripture cannot be used conveniently, but must be interpreted to deliver the message intended by God."

"It is the straw that broke the camel's back," said Ahimsa Sumchai, a physician, activist and member of the Harold Washington New Generation Democratic Club. Sumchai spoke for many African Americans when she said, "The most bigoted among us, the most defensive among us, have to recognize: This individual is too inhumane to be seated on any commission. It is a joke that anyone who makes a comment as inhumane as that would be seated on the HRC. I have no qualms about feeling that he should be fired."



If you saw the show, Lester and Amos had a clue; Ted didn't. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

REASON TO BE CHEERFUL, NUMBER ONE: GOODBYE EUGENE

"You don't contradict yourself when someone's statements change," asserted Jordan press secretary Noah Griffin, rejecting claims that the Mayor had flip-flopped on backing Lumpkin. "No one gets a lifetime pass of approval. [Lumpkin's] behavior and actions were such that the Mayor felt he had to remove him."

Indeed, the press release from the Mayor's office announcing the termination stressed that Lumpkin's statements on Aug. 20 could "lead to violence." The statement critiqued Lumpkin for failing to "disassociate himself from the specific biblical passages which appear to justify stoning." Griffin argued Lumpkin's comments on Aug. 20 were qualitatively different from his previous statements to the media.

But Board President Angela Alioto flatly disputed there was any difference. "Unbelievable! What bothers me is everyone says it is OK to say that homosexuality [and AIDS] is an abomination against God, but that it is not OK to talk about stoning! This guy should have been off the minute he said 'abomination against God.'"

"I am delighted," added Alioto commenting on the Mayor's decision to fire Lumpkin. "The guy should have been gone a long time ago." Similar opinions came from supervisors Sue Bierman, Kevin Shelley, Barbara Kaufman and Terence Hallinan. Bill Maher and Tom Hsieh were not available for comment. Willie Kennedy, the sole vote supporting Lumpkin at the Aug. 16 board meeting, and Annmarie Conroy, who ducked out of the vote, were also unavailable. Carole Migden and Susan Leal are out of town.

Theories about why Jordan fired Lumpkin are legion. Jean Harris told *SF Bay Times* she exploded when she found out about Lumpkin's comments in the City Hall press room. Harris said, "That's it. He has gone too far. I want his butt off the committee, and if the Mayor wants to fire me he can fire me."

Harris says she got Jordan on the phone and started the ball rolling for Lumpkin's departure. Asked if Harris felt her role in the Jordan administration is, at this point, simply to give the Mayor credibility in the gay/lesbian community, she retorted, "I don't cover any straight politician's butt for being homophobic."

With a cynicism meter reading off the scale, Kerrington Osborne, of Lesbians and Gays of African American Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA), said, "Jordan was looking for a way out, and has found one."

THE FALL OUT

While the final chapter in the Rev. Lumpkin affair may finally be closed, the rifts between sectors of the African American and gay/lesbian/bisexual communities remain open, raw and in need of healing.

"Personally all of us can step back and look at how out of control this situation got," said LGADDA's Osborne, "and pledge to really push for communications and dialogue, as opposed to shouting matches and theatrics."

Considerable tension remains between the communities. Even as Lumpkin and Rutherford Institute attorney Brad Dacus stood on the steps of City Hall asserting the issue was religious freedom, not homophobia, Lumpkin's supporters were busy taking the media, and the *SF Bay Times*, to task in a rather homophobic manner.

One reverend who declined to identify himself declared to this reporter, "Russ McGowan was a punk on TV who knows nothing about the scriptures." He added, "Any sin is abomination. If I am a drunkard that is a sin. If I am an adulteress, that is a sin....But the drunks have not raised up and tried to defend their action of drunkenness. It is just the homosexuals. I think you are one of 'em, aren't you? That's why you are asking all those damn questions!"

But many others are looking for common ground. Rev. Amos Brown says, "Whether Lumpkin's statements were taken out of context or not, we have appealed to the communities, let's go on and be peaceful, and not make inflammatory statements. The two communities have got to stop this nonsense. But it is already there, and it is deep."

Where the African American community sees gays and lesbians making civil rights gains at the expense of, or without respecting, the African American community's civil rights struggle, the gay/lesbian/bisexual community sees denial and non-acknowledgment of homophobia in the African American community.

But, peace offerings are being made, and small steps are underway. A meeting of gay/lesbian/bisexual activists on Aug. 21 came up with preliminary suggestions for rapprochement. First, they believe that the HRC should have an African American advisory committee similar in structure to the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee that already exists. Second, Lauri Irving, a member of LGADDA, has been invited to speak at the Aug. 28 rally celebrating the anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington.

Finally, says activist Joe Van Es, who organized the Aug. 21 meeting, "We will begin working on a strategy for healing and reconciliation. This will require the work and commitment of many in both communities. We will address issues we have not addressed before: racism and homophobia *of* the communities and racism and homophobia *within* the communities."

Van Es adds that the next step is up to the Mayor. He says the Mayor should replace Lumpkin with someone who is fair-minded and progressive, "who will be able to represent the many and diverse communities of San Francisco. Perhaps someone of a similar background whose comments will not cause the great dissension we just underwent."

Lauri Irving, who will be speaking at the Aug. 28 rally, is pleased by the decision to fire Lumpkin, but adds, "I am sorry about what seems to be [a rift] between a small sector of the African American religious community and a large sector of the gay/lesbian community. I am sorry that had to be the price."

Santeria Ceremony Busted By SFPD: (Never Mind the Supreme Court)

Religious freedom appears tc be a variable concept in San Francisco. As the devate over Rev. Lumpkin's freedom of religion simmers, over a half-dozen of SFPD's finest and one animal control officer descended on a Santeria religious ceremony being held in the Mission District on Aug. 21.

"We were doing a ceremony to make someone into a priest," said Maria Concordia, a Santeria priest, and "about halfway through about four or five police cars and one animal control officer came with his van. They banged on the door and asked—demanded—to be let in. They did not have any warrant, no papers, nothing. They just heard there were animals in there."

In fact, there were animals there, a number of sheep, goats and chickens, that were to be killed and eaten as a part of the ceremony. And according to a recent unanimous Supreme Court decision— specifically involving the Santeria religion—ceremonies involving the killing and eating of animals for such ceremonies are constitutionally protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom.

ACLU attorney Matt Coles, on hearing of the incident, quipped, "It is good to know that there is no crime in San Francisco so the police can devote themselves to waking up homeless people in the streets, and barging into religious ceremonies."

Concordia says by the time the whole incident was over she observed about four SFPD cars and eight or nine officers present.

The irony of the sudden appearence of the police on the doorstep after the Supreme Court decision was not lost on the participants.

According to Amorita Morales, a priest at the ceremony, one officer was both rude and rather unclear about the authority of the Supreme Court in this City. She alleges that officer William Wohler (star 136) from Ingleside Station appeared and "said, 'you and your kind are disgusting...' He said that as far as he was concerned this was San Francisco, they have a separate ordinance and the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction in San Francisco. He actually said that!"

All those at the ceremony contacted by *SF Bay Times* had the clear impression that officer 136 was spoiling for a fight and would have loved to have arrested anyone present for talking back or physically trying to obstruct the officers.

SF Bay Times was unable to reach Officer Wohler for comment. Lt. James Leach, the officer in charge of operations that day, was not on duty and unavailable for comment.

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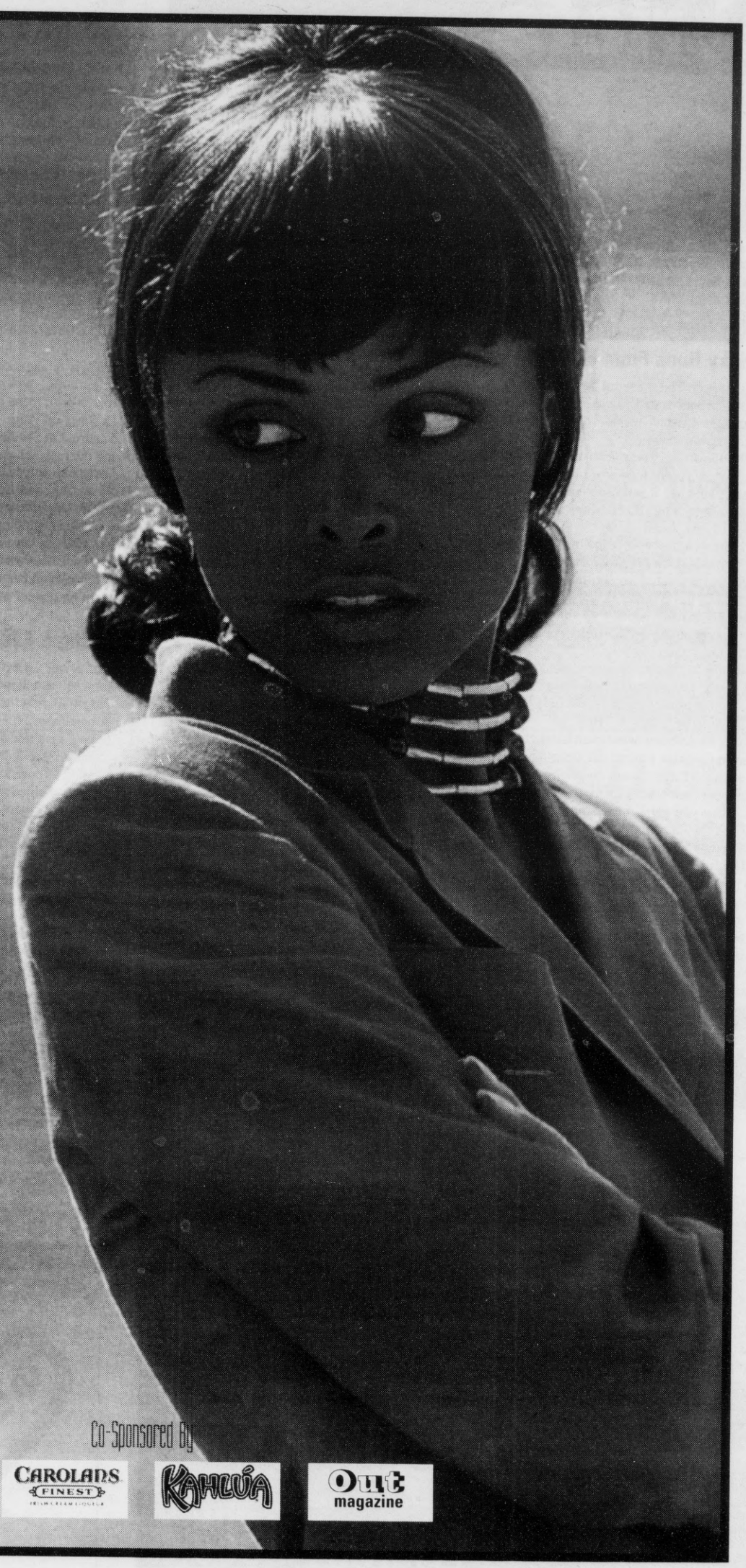

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The Sticky Buns From Hell

SAN FRANCISCO - The owner of a natural foods company that produces sticky buns, banana cakes and other treats blasted queers on an Oakland cable TV program in June.

Now, Rainbow Grocery at 15th and Mission, one of the largest health food stores in the City, is discussing whether it will continue to stock goods produced by Your Black Muslim Bakery. According to the latest issue of Rainbow's newsletter, the store has written to Dr. Yusef Bey about his comments on his cable show.

Another health food store, Buffalo Foods at 19th and Castro, has posted a notice about Bey's comments next to the company's products. The store also has not decided whether to stop stocking the Muslim Bakery sweets.

Speaking of gay teachers, Bey remarked on the show: "I don't want my child looking up to this teacher as a great history teacher. 'But he's a faggot, so I have to be a faggot.' Hell, no!"

His words for lesbians were even harsher: "I don't want no woman around me sleeping with another woman. I don't want no boys running around jumping each other's backs.... In the Middle East, when you get a man jumping another man's back, they take their heads off...And you sisters...sleeping with women... because they're softer...Don't let no woman tell you that, 'Oh, we're so much more gentle.' You don't want no gentle man. You want a man... Don't let nobody con you into that filth. That's your destruction."

In his response to Rainbow, Bey wrote, "Regarding our position on homosexuality, for us, homosexuality is not a choice. Islam, our religion and way of life, strictly forbids the practice of homosexuality among Muslims...In time this law may change."

Addressing the business end of things, Bey commented: "In all honesty, would it not be a terrible loss for both businesses to let intolerance of sexual preferences, personal differences, religious beliefs or moral principles interfere with, indeed, destroy our longstanding business relationship?"

Looks like no more sticky buns for me.

Marine Porno Ring?

OCEANSIDE - Here's one for the books. A suspect in an alleged porno ring, identified only as "Bobby," says he had known as many as 20 Marines a week—in the biblical sense, that is.

Bobby, who now fears for his life, says that many a lonely Marine came to his home for company, and to appear in videos and photographs. A former Marine, ousted for being queer, says that Bobby's story is true, and that tons of active-duty soldiers appeared in the porn videos. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service at this point is saying there's no evidence any of the Marines were on active duty. Base officials asked to look at pictures of "Marines" taken from Bobby's house have thus far not identified any of them.

But Harvey Moore, a former Marine, says he visited Bobby's apartment, saw the videos, and can testify that the men in them are indeed Marines. "It was Marines doing stuff," he says. "The military can say all they want, but those are Marines."

Daddy's Roommate Gets Moved

BOSTON - According to Alyson Wonderland Publishers, five library systems have censored the infamous *Daddy's Roommate*, the gay children's book, but a far greater number have held their ground against attempts to censor the work.

The most recent censoring came in Mercer County, NJ, where a patron's objection to the book was brought before the County Library Commission, which moved the book into the adult fiction section along with another controversial gay children's work, *Heather Has Two Mommies*.

Says Judith Krug of the American Library Association, "When a book is no longer easily available to constituents, it is a degree of censorship."

Other locales that have moved gay children's books to adult fiction or the special request section include libraries in Bladen County, North Carolina; Mass Point, Miss.; Martinsbille, Va.; and Gwinnett County, Ga.

Meanwhile, 28 libraries throughout the country have refused to remove *Daddy's Roommmate* from the children's section.

Queer Leaders to Join King Memorial March

WASHINGTON - Leaders of the African American lesbian/gay/bisexual community have announced plans to participate in the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the 1963 March on Washington, organized by an out gay Black man, Bayard Rustin.

The Bayard Rustin Commemorative Alliance, an organization formed to ensure that Rustin's work is recognized during the 30th anniversary celebration, will sponsor a rally and freedom march prior to the national march. The Rustin rally starts on Aug. 28 at 9:30 am at McPherson Square. On Sunday, Aug. 29, a reception honoring the new generation of Black lesbian and gay leadership will take place at 5:30 pm at Trumpet's Restaurant and Lounge.

The final Rustin event is Lift Ev'ry Voice, a musical celebration of the African-American lesbian and gay heritage. Pop diva Martha Wash will headline the event, which also features other Black celebrity entertainers and a 150-voice choir performing gospel music.

For more info, call (202) 546-7188.

Lesbian Avengers Strike in Colo.

DENVER - Two lesbian avengers handcuffed themselves to Gov. Roy Romer's mansion at an Aug. 13 gay/lesbian rights rally protesting Amendment 2 (the state's anti-gay-rights law), the pope's visit and President Bill Clinton's failure to address the federal gay/lesbian rights bill while visiting Colorado.

Terry Schleder, a leader in the Boycott Colorado movement, and Angela Santoro were arrested for the unlawful blocking of public access. They were later released on bail.

Amendment 2, which is now being challenged in court, prohibits any city or county in the state from passing a gay rights law. Says Santoro of her civil disobedience, "Gay and lesbian youth must know there are people willing to hit the streets for justice. That's the only way to create change."

U.N. Recognizes Gay Group

NEW YORK - For the first time ever, the United Nations has given permanent "non-governmental organization" (NGO) status to a body representing lesbians and gay men.

The U.N. Economic and Social Council on July 30 granted "consultative status" to the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA). ILGA can now participate in U.N. human rights meetings.

Voting in favor of ILGA were: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Russian Federation, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

Lorde Prize Offered

CUPERTINO - The California-based Woman in the Moon Publications is offering the first annual Audre Lorde Memorial Prose Prize for feminist writers who write fiction or prose. Awards will be made in both fiction and nonfiction.

Submitted works should take up a topic of discourse found in Lorde's work, or seek to illustrate a condition, idea or ideal inherent to her fiction or prose. They should be 500-700 words in length, type written, double-spaced, and submitted in triplicate between Sept. 1 and Nov. 17. The winners will be announced on Lorde's birthday, Feb. 18.

Send manuscripts along with a SASE to: 2215-R Market St., Box 137, SF 94114.

GAA/NY Founder Dies

NEW YORK - Jim Owles, founding president of the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA), one of the premiere activist groups to come out of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in the Big Apple, died on Aug. 6 in Manhattan of AIDS-related toxoplasmosis. He was 46.

Owles served most recently as the lesbian/gay liaison for State Senate minority leader Manfred Ohrenstein. In 1969 he helped found GAA, which quickly became one of the leading activist groups of the '70s, inventing the "zap," unexpected demonstrations against homophobic organizations and politicians.

Owles also founded the Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats in 1974 and was a co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Not surprisingly, in 1971, on the eve of the Big Apple's second gay pride march, Owles said that he would work for gay rights "till I die."

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Supervisor Tom Hsieh (sitting) denounces recent anti-immigrant rhetoric, and pushes for the Asian Pacific Democratic Club's resolution urging the US gov't to treat all immigrants fairly and humanely. Also in support of the measure are supervisors Angela Alioto and Susan Leal. Photo by Rink

Migden: Let's Create Community Center

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Carole Migden filed a grant application for $50,000 in planning funds from the Office of Community Development for a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community center.

Community leaders have long sought a building where organizations could be housed, services provided and meeting space made available. "Given the City's large lesbian and gay population, many people may find it surprising to learn that no community center currently exists," says Migden.

The planning funds would provide for a six-month planning stage, beginning Jan. 1, 1994.

They Come Seeking Asylum

NEW YORK - It's not surprising that more and more gays and lesbians from around the world are fleeing to the U.S. for asylum from persecution because of their sexual orientation.

A recent example is Mohammed, who left his native Iran, and is living in fear in the Big Apple. "If I went back to Iran, I'd be dead in a day," he says. Mohammed is one of three cases being pursued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. About 20 queers have applied for refuge, a right that is not guaranteed gays and lesbians from other countries, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In 1990, the U.S. Congress repealed a law prohibiting gays and lesbians from entering the country. But the fight isn't over yet.

Thus far, only one person—a Brazilian gay man—has been granted asylum in San Francisco.

Court to Rule on SF Ordinance

SAN FRANCISCO - The California Supreme Court has agreed to review a lower court ruling which weakened the City's human rights legislation prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

In April, 1993, the San Francisco Superior Court ruled in three separate cases that the right to file a suit found in the City's ordinance is preempted by the state Fair Employment and Housing Act. Since 1978, employers and employees in the City have been able to resolve complaints through the investigation and mediation of the City's Human Rights Commission.

March Raises Expenses

WASHINGTON - The Committee for the March on Washington, Inc. has announced that figures for the organizing period of Jan. 1, 1992 through July 31, 1993 reveal that, according to co-chair Billy Hileman, "We have virtually matched expenses with income and expect that all of our bills will be paid by the end of August."

The march financial statements show income of $1,796,136.46 and expenses of $1,779,143.57, leaving $16,992.89 in the checking account as of July 31.

In other march news, the long-awaited official March on Washington video will be finished by the beginning of September. Orders already received will be processed in 4-6 weeks.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• Hollywood Supports and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Los Angeles are preparing the first ever "Sexual Orientation in the Workplace" seminars for the entertainment industry. Two publications are being created for use in the seminars: a pamphlet for personnel departments and managers and a guide to lesbian/gay issues for creative personnel. Hollywood Supports' successful "AIDS in the Workplace" program has been shown at over 300 seminars for industry workplaces nationwide.

• The Complete Gay and Lesbian Music Catalog will connect the mass gay and lesbian market with the diverse music being produced by gay and lesbian recording artists. It will include: available cassettes/CDs by queer artists; reviews of catalog-listed products; and artist profiles. Deadline for submissions: Oct. 5. Inquiries to: Will Grega, 147 Second Ave. #498, NYC 10003, (212) 777-7240.

• Lesbian and gay film/videomakers are encouraged to apply to Frameline for its '93 Film/Video Completion Fund. Grants of up to $2,000 are available to artists in the last stages of production. Contact Frameline, 346 Ninth St., SF 94103, (fax) (415) 861-1404.

• According to a first-of-its-kind survey of nurse managers and physician directors at California's 397 hospital-based emergency departments, workers at the state's hospitals are not identifying many women who seek treatment as victims of domestic violence. The study was conducted by the San Francisco-based Family Violence Prevention Fund in collaboration with the Injury Center for Research and Prevention.

• The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights Foundation is accepting applications for 1993 grants until Sept. 30. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations working for lesbian/gay/bisexual health and wellness in the nine-

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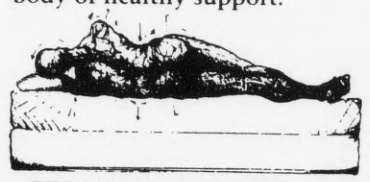

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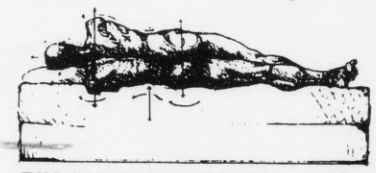

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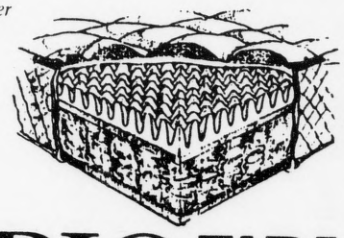

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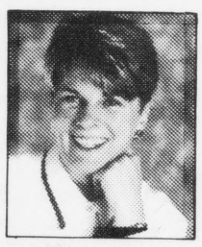

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• The Women's Cancer benefit is looking for volunteers for the fifth annual Evening to Support Women With Cancer, scheduled for Oct. 23. The benefit will feature Alive! Axis Dance Troupe, June Jordan, Louise Renne and Melanie DeMore. Call (415) 641-5083 to volunteer.

• Don't we feel safer? Mayor Frank Jordan joined leaders of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Louisville for the organization's 1993 executive committee and advisory board meeting. While he was there, he chaired the committee on criminal and social justice, and led discussions on President Bill Clinton's crime initiative, gun control, community policing and the Policemen's Bill of Rights. And we thought he didn't do anything.

• On Oct. 7, a one-day summit will be held from 8 am-5 pm on the interactions of people and animals and how it affects those with AIDS. The Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) workshop will take place at the St. Louis Pavilion Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. For more info, contact the Delta Society at (206) 226-7357.

• The friends of John Laird held a benefit reception for the out gay candidate on Aug. 20. Special guest was Keith Meinhold. If elected, Santa Cruz's Laird will be the first out queer in the California Assembly.

• Intergroup Clearinghouse has announced the appointment of Jill Tregor as the agency executive director. A former program coordinator at Community United Against Violence, Tregor began her new job on July 21. Intergroup Clearinghouse works to ease tensions among San Francisco's different community groups.

• PEN Center USA West is offering a grant program for writers with HIV/AIDS. At least two grants of $1,000 each will be given in 1993. To be eligible, applicants must be HIV-positive, reside in the Western U.S., and have been actively involved in creating literary work within the last three years. To obtain an application, write Pen Center West, 672 S. Lafayette Place, #41, LA 90057, (213) 365-8500.

• For Jews who don't know where to go for the upcoming High Holy Days, there's Jewish Community Information and Referral. It's a free phone resource sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation that provides data about Jewish life in the Bay Area. Open weekdays from 9:30 am-1:30 pm, the service can be reached by calling (415) 777-4545.

• David O. Bracker, director of the Hearing Society of the Bay Area, has been elected to the board of directors of the Shanti Project. He is also on the executive committee of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club.

• A new festival site is the reason cited for the overwhelming success of the 1993 San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival July 17 and 18. The festival this year attracted 15,000 individuals, nearly doubling last year's turnout.

• Sept. 25 is the date for the Stanislaus County AIDS Walk, Put Your Best Foot Forward. According to organizers, 100 percent of the money raised will go for direct services for people living with AIDS in their county. For info, call (209) 491-AIDS.

• The Hispanic/Latino Campaign Committee for San Francisco's new Main Library will hold its kick-off event on Sept. 2 in celebration of raising the first $100,000 of its $500,000 goal. The event takes place at the Transamerica Building, 600 Montgomery St., Pyramid Building, 48th floor, from 5:30-7:30 pm. The group's project is equipping a large community meeting room in the new library.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• Fat Chance Dept.: In a book to be published next month by Beacon Press, maverick gay priest Father John McNeill calls on the Vatican to make a public act of repentance for its homophobia. "Your ignorance can no longer be excused as inculpable," McNeill writes in the new edition of *The Church and the Homosexual*. Pope John Paul (George and Ringo) II is probably shaking in his boots.

• More than 340 lesbian and gay parents and their children gathered in Orlando, Fla., recently for the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International's 14th annual conference. Next year's conference will be in the Big Apple. For info, call (202) 583-8029.

• Times Are Changing Dept.: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York was recently awarded grants from Mutual of New York, New York Telephone and the United Way's Allocations and Agency Services Program. Total amount of grants: $21,154.

• Chicago filmmaker Ron Pajak, co-partner of Lookout Productions, has finished his first full-length documentary on the realities of AIDS in today's world. With the assistance of the Howard Brown Health Center, Chicago's STD/AIDS clinic, Pajak has documented the challenges caregivers face in helping people diagnosed with AIDS. The film is titled *Active Duty: Lending Support to People With AIDS*.

• The Red Hot Organization, which gave us Red Hot & Blue a few years ago, is at it again. This time, it has joined forces with Clairol and *New Woman* magazine to raise funds for AIDS research and relief. Here's how it works: during August and September, any Clairol haircolor brand purchased will send a donation to Red Hot, up to $200,000.

• Gay rights supporters and their opponents held separate rallies in Marietta, Ga., in response to a Cobb County Commission resolution condemning queers. The highlight of the day was a bomb scare that proved to be a hoax. A man was arrested for the fake bomb found in the park where the gay rights rally was held before the anti-gay-rights event.

• A man who protested a mural in the Oglesby, Ill., post office that showed bare Native American bottoms has lost his crusade. John Swartz feels the mural promotes—are you ready for this?—homosexuality and violates his civil rights. After some deliberation and after covering the mural with blinds, officials decided it was fine for public display, so they removed the blinds. Now Swartz says he'll file a petition of reconsideration with

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straight talk! by nan parks

Well, it seems as though some of you out there don't think I write very well and some of you don't think I'm real and some others think that the *SF Bay Times* should have a more "sensitive" straight person doing "Straight Talk." Now the first point is well taken, and while I said I was NOT a professional writer or anything like that, I'll try to do better in the future (end of sentence!), but think about it, who else can give you—the gay community—the straight point of view if not a regular normal straight person like myself? Sure I'll say some things the wrong way, but believe me the world is not "sensitive" to your community and I'm actually closer to the gay side than the straight straight side if you know what I mean. So, if you had a straight writer who was really really on the gay side, you wouldn't be getting the straight point of view!

Actually, in my "community" (yes, we all have one!) I'm considered something of a lefty, believe it or not, and particularly for being out of the closet about Carol, my sister—although I don't tell just everybody about it when it's not necessary, but all my close friends know about Carol and it's nothing to be ashamed of! So, I might not be out at the parades (which are not my style), but at least I'm not as bad as my mother (who has Carol's senior prom picture in a silver frame on the side table along with photos from Doug and my wedding and tells everyone who asks that she thinks Carol is still "a little bit in love with Steve Meredith which is why she's never married"!)

So you can bet I think of myself as more on the gay side than Mom, but according to Carol, the differences between us are "superficial," and she even told me the other day that Mom has an excuse for her attitudes considering how she was raised, but I didn't so I was WORSE than Mom, which I think is ridiculous. And who do you think came in out of the blue and took Carol's side but Doug of all people, who said she had a point, which is fine—he's entitled to his opinion of course—but it's unusual for Doug and Carol to agree on anything. So I said, "Exactly what ATTITUDES did I have that I would need an excuse for?" since as Carol should admit I have a very liberal position on gays, and Carol said I was "passively homophobic," whatever that means, and Doug said that sometimes I don't "put my money where my mouth is"—and this whole discussion came up because my friend Joan made quite a nasty remark about gays at lunch earlier that day which I found very offensive and repeated at dinner as an EXAMPLE of intolerance! And, according to Doug and Carol I should have said something to Joan then and there, which I suppose I should have, but you would have had to have been there—at lunch I mean—because we were having a very enjoyable time, and we were all laughing and relaxed and getting along (which is not always the case with Joan and Andrea at the same table), and the remark sort of came and went quickly so I guess I didn't have much time to react to it and if I had, the atmosphere would have dissolved—so I guess I also lacked a little courage—but I'm only human, and I still say I'm not in Mom's category!

Now my point is that I learned a little lesson from that discussion and I think that next time something like that happens I WILL say something, so maybe I move in little ways closer to the really pro-gay side of the straight spectrum, and maybe Mom will someday move a little off the far edge herself. Who Knows! So I called Andrea later on and asked her what she thought of Joan's "story," and she said Joan was a total bitch (quote unquote) and that she had been kicking herself for not saying something as well, but she had sworn to herself that she would not argue with Joan over lunch and would try to make the event a pleasant one for everyone... and I know Lois did not appreciate Joan's remarks, so in fact if I had said something, I would have been in the majority! So in fact, to steal an expression, there is

sort of a "silent majority" out there in the straight world that really does support the gay world but doesn't come right out and say so on every occasion, but that might start doing so in the future—which would be a big step in the right direction!

But I think it's important, for this group to start "speaking out," that they get to know the "silent majority" of your community so to speak, like Carol's ex-lover Gail for example who is a very successful businesswoman, with excellent fashion sense (that I am sorry to say never rubbed off on Carol), and who is now pregnant which I think is wonderful. And Gail's brother David, who is a top-notch lawyer and has lived with the same lover for ten or 12 years now which is not most people's image of gay men, that's for sure! Now I think a lot of the straights only get to see the radical gays and lesbians and never realize that your community includes a lot of regular folks as well, not that there's anything wrong with the radical gays and lesbians (which after all include my sister, whom I love dearly), but if you want the average straight person to appreciate the struggle for gay rights they would be more likely to identify with the average gay person, right?

So I showed Doug what I was going to say here, including the part about him taking Carol's side before—I'm telling it like it is and let the chips fall where they may!—and he just said, "hmmmm," and then he said he could see why Carol and I had so many arguments, which gave me the impression that he himself didn't agree with my points about these silent majorities, which made me feel a little unsure of myself so I pushed him on it and he said he understood what I was trying to say but that I had made the implication that gays and lesbians have to go out of their way to "earn" a basic respect from society that everyone else takes for granted, and that's NOT what I meant to say so I want to make that clear here at the end. ✿

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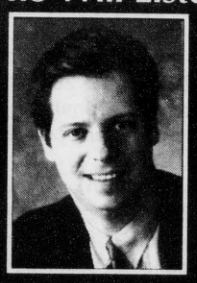

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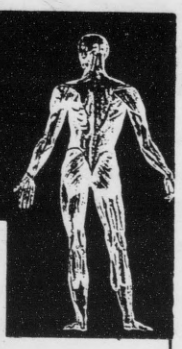

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Six-Year Diet Study: Nutrients May Reduce AIDS Risk

A major epidemiological study published this month suggests that a number of nutrients, whether obtained from food or nutritional supplements, might reduce progression to AIDS in persons with HIV. The study is difficult to interpret, and it does not prove that any nutrient is helpful in preventing progression; to do that would require assigning people randomly to take different amounts of nutrients for a long time—a very difficult and expensive study to do. The new information suggests that nutrition should be taken more seriously than in the past. But it would be a mistake to base recommendations too quickly on a preliminary study.

The recent paper, published in the August 1993 *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, is based on data from the San Francisco Men's Health Study. In 1984, this study enrolled single men, ages 25 to 50, both HIV-positive and HIV-negative, from the 19 census tracks in San Francisco with a high incidence of AIDS; then the men were seen every six months. They filled out a standard nutritional questionnaire, and returned it to the study before they received their first HIV test result. Therefore, the study has the advantage of representing the entire population in the AIDS-impacted areas, not just those who were ill and sought treatment. And the questionnaires were returned before participants knew their HIV status, avoiding possible bias in how they were filled out. A total of 296 men, all healthy and HIV-positive, met all necessary criteria and were included in the nutrition study. Thirty-six percent of them progressed to AIDS during the six years.

Special computer software analyzed the nutrition questionnaires, with people's reports of their dietary habits, to estimate how much of various nutrients they received from food. Those who also took nutritional supplements were asked to provide the relevant information, often directly from the labels on the bottles. After six years, the data were analyzed to see if total intake of particular nutrients was associated with a difference in the rate of progression to AIDS.

RESULTS

The results can be confusing and hard to interpret, because often they depend on which statistical corrections were used; the researchers tried different ways. But the data seems to show that:

- With certain statistical adjustments, "The hazard of AIDS decreased as consumption increased for all 11 micronutrients [vitamin A, carotene, retinol, vitamin C, vitamin E, folic acid, riboflavin, thiamine, niacin, iron, and zinc]; this relationship was statistically significant for iron, vitamin E, and riboflavin, and approached significance for vitamin C, thiamine, and niacin." But with other ways of looking at the data, there was no statistically significant association of any of the micronutrients with AIDS.
- "Higher intake of all 11 micronutrients was associated with higher CD4 counts at baseline, and was significantly so for six of them."
- With certain statistical adjustments, those who took daily multivitamin supplements were only 70 percent as likely to progress to AIDS as those who did not.
- On the other hand, those who smoked cigarettes were significantly more likely to develop AIDS than those who did not.

However, because this study was not a randomized trial, and because of difficulties in interpreting the data, the researchers could only conclude that "the possibility that higher nutrient intakes may delay the development of AIDS cannot be ruled out."

A different limitation of the study is that it could not measure certain other potentially important nutrients, including vitamin B12, vitamin B6, and copper, because the computer software used to analyze dietary habits did not assign values for them.

COMMENT

During the AIDS epidemic, some physicians and nutritionists have developed nutritional-supplement recommendations for persons with AIDS or HIV. Since some vitamins and minerals can be dangerous in overdose, especially for persons in poor health, it is important to find out what has already been done in HIV care, before starting any high-dose regimens. It is also important to check with one's physician, because there may be particular reasons that one should not take certain nutritional supplements.

Incidentally, the median intake of the nutrients measured in the study was not especially high. A graph in the published paper showed intake levels for nine of the 11 micronutrients. Vitamin C was highest, with a median intake between eight and nine times the FDA recommended daily allowance (many suspect that the RDAs are too low for persons with HIV, because of malabsorption or for other reasons). None of the other eight nutrients even reached four times the RDA.

Berlin: HIV Miscellaneous, Part I

The IX International Conference on AIDS, held last June in Berlin, included thousands of presentations. This mass of information is difficult to organize, report, or otherwise know what to do with. But there are some overall organizing principles:

- Much, if not most, of the information is unlikely to be useful to anyone, often because it consists of reports of whatever data some doctors or scientists happened to have on hand, unrelated to any particular rationale or purpose.
- Most of the information which is potentially useful fits into larger topics (for example, particular treatments or classes of treatments which are being actively developed, such as protease inhibitors, or therapeutic vaccines, or other treatments already in major human trials). These larger topics are not covered below, since each one needs a separate, longer article to describe the Berlin results within the larger context of other information which is available.

Still, there were some miscellaneous presentations in Berlin which we found interesting enough

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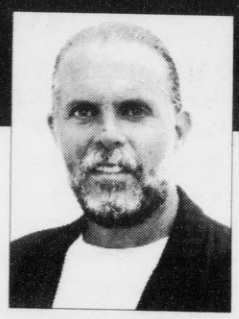

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to report, but which may not fit into larger articles. Some of these reports are treatment ideas, and others are theories about how HIV disease develops. The selection below is largely arbitrary and not at all complete.

HIV PATHOGENESIS

Allergy and HIV: A report from Greece found that patients with HIV who had allergies had a faster drop in T-helper count than those without allergies—and that the two may have benefited differently from different treatments. Allergy was detected by a questionnaire, and by skin and blood tests. Both asymptomatic patients and those with AIDS had a more rapid decline in their counts if they had allergies than if they did not, and the difference was statistically significant. The researchers also found in the allergic patients, AZT alone did not increase T-helper counts of patients with AIDS—as it did in non-allergic patients. But alpha interferon (Intron) "helps the (T-helper count) in allergic patients to come even to a higher level than that of the non-allergic."

These conclusions were based on experience with a total of 80 HIV-positive patients. One way to follow up on this potentially important report would be for physicians to check their records (perhaps with the help of research specialists provided by community-based research organizations) to see if their experience has been consistent with it.

Apoptosis, or programmed cell death, can be recognized in the laboratory and distinguished from other ways cells can be killed; it results from a genetic program built into the cell. It is believed that apoptosis is necessary early in human development, as part of the process by which the immune system learns to distinguish "self" from "non-self"—so that it will attack foreign bacteria, viruses, etc., but not the body's own tissues. According to this widely held theory, during the development of the fetus, the body creates a great many different kinds of T-cells by random combinations. Many of these cells would be activated by the body's own proteins; others would not. At one point in development, something turns on the genetic program for apoptosis; then those cells which are activated die, while those which are not survive. In adult life, after a person's immune system has developed, apoptosis should not occur; the genetic machinery for it is still there, but it should be turned off. Abnormal apoptosis is believed to occur in persons with HIV. One poster noted that both IL-2 and fibroblast-conditioned medium, reduced cell death in laboratory tests. Several other posters addressed this as an important factor in the progression of HIV disease.

Immunosuppressive Peptide. One theory of how HIV causes damage is that a small part of one of the HIV proteins mimics a crucial part of a protein used in the immune system. This could cause dysfunction either by generating too much of the substance, or by causing the production of antibodies against it.

One research team suggested that a particular sequence of eight amino acids (positions 583 to 590 in gp41) might be critical. This sequence is highly conserved not only in HIV, but also in other retroviruses—including cancer-causing viruses which are also known to cause immune suppression. ("Highly conserved" means that this sequence does not change as the virus mutates, suggesting that it is essential in some way for retroviruses.) The researchers suggest that whether or not a retrovirus causes disease in a particular species may depend on whether or not it can reproduce well enough in that species to create enough of the immunosuppressive sequence to cause serious problems.

POTENTIAL TREATMENTS

The following posters report early laboratory work on potential treatments. This section omits treatments which are approved or being intensively developed. Instead, it focuses on possibilities which are getting little attention and could slip through the cracks.

Nanoparticles are small particles designed to be taken up by monocytes and macrophages, which normally ingest bacteria and other potentially harmful substances. The idea is to deliver drugs efficiently to these particular cells. Nanoparticles are ingested efficiently by macrophages from persons with HIV, regardless of the stage of the disease.

In laboratory tests, nanoparticles with a payload of AZT or ddC showed no advantage over the free drug. They might be more useful for drugs which are not water soluble or otherwise are difficult to deliver.

Ethyloxime 25 is a reverse-transcriptase inhibitor being developed in Germany; **Active ether lipids** are believed to block interactions between infected and uninfected cells; **Melittin** has been found to reduce activity of the HIV LTR (long terminal repeat of HIV, which makes the virus more active); and **Glycyrrhizin**, a chemical found in licorice, was found in a Japanese study to halt progression to AIDS.

Note: In the U.S., a few people with HIV have been using the same tablets (Glycyron brand) as tested in this study, but as far as we know this potential treatment has never caught on widely. There may never be enough momentum to do a definitive test of glycyrrhizin as an anti-HIV treatment, at least not in the way that major trials have been done in the past. We hope that newer antiviral tests will make it possible to get clear results quickly in relatively few patients; then a community-based research organization could organize and finance small trials, and we might have better information about whether, or when, the treatment is helpful. What is holding this back is that (1) the most desirable tests, such as QC PCR or the branched DNA assay, are not widely available at present, and (2) these tests have not yet been validated with clinical results (to show that a drug which improves the test result also improves the long-term prognosis of patients). Hopefully the validation can be done on blood samples frozen years ago in clinical trials, so that it is not necessary to wait for years before a test is considered adequately validated. And hopefully, too, the medical community and the public will not allow the understandable desire for validation to get out of hand. If a drug reduces viral activity in patients and is reasonably safe, it should be allowed to be used in medical practice until something better is available.

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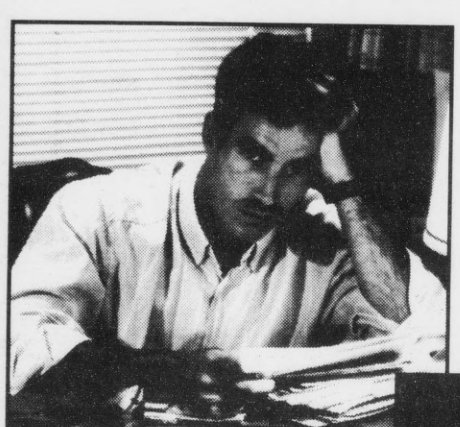

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The Truth About Activism

Stonewall redefined gay leadership to mean advocacy for gay rights and a defiance of straight-in-your-face status quo. Post-Stonewall activism switched gears and became more focused; it has been evolving and finding different means of expression ever since. Probably other changes are ahead. Opposition to gay rights has been focused, timely and targeted at bringing about the social, political, legal change necessary to bury gay rights. Some gays still think winning is about being gay, white and 21. The far right has been successful in pulling its coalition together to defeat gay rights. They don't care if Jesse Helms or Phyllis Schlafly are cute, or how Rush Limbaugh looks in 501 jeans. The gay movement has had some success since Stonewall, culminating in a greater public presence, healthier homospiritual identity, and meetings in the oval office for those pragmatic enough to find political meetings useful. After all, being who we are is a political act.

The lesbian/gay/bisexual community has many organizations which do incredible work, take on herculean tasks, are as well-organized in supporting specific issues as any community. Like other communities, there are cultural leaders, political leaders, leaders for social change, and leaders who facilitate the status quo. But what of the men and women who step up to bat, openly acknowledge their sexuality, give of themselves, and work their way up through the ranks, or develop new organizations to meet unresolved challenges and become leaders? Who ranks? The caretakers, the beneficiaries, or both? Every organization has a nucleus which keeps everything going and a majority who may or may not contribute financially or volunteer their time and skills. Some give and expect nothing in return. Some write substantial checks and expect in that way to exercise certain controls. And there are those whose commercial interests in the community sustain substance abuse of one form or another and who have no interest in new directions which lead gay money and focus away from their profit center.

Most organizations have a variety of personalities among their circle of influence. Some of these people are ego-driven, some are functional, some dysfunctional. Some are leaders-in-the making. Some are twisted, power-hungry control freaks who bring their baggage to an organization and feed off of its life energy. A few are mentally challenged. And then there are those well-meaning people who do not know or understand the history of the volunteer organizations they have chosen, but come in giving hip-shot solutions and criticisms to the nucleus doing the work, as if that nucleus worked for them.

Leaders who are grassroots activists may have spent a lifetime supporting and serving their community; other leaders are media creations who were challenged by circumstances of the moment to stand up for their rights—not necessarily for the benefit of a larger community; some are professional organizers, administrators, and/or political animals; some are charismatic, or perhaps just angry. Some have little ability or desire to follow through by doing the grunt work necessary to sustain an organization. Others just want to be popular, and have little stomach for the confrontation, criticism or conciliation which ensues when opposing forces collide. There is a big difference between a seasoned grassroots leader and a video or paper tiger whose dues in activism do not extend much beyond a snappy sound byte.

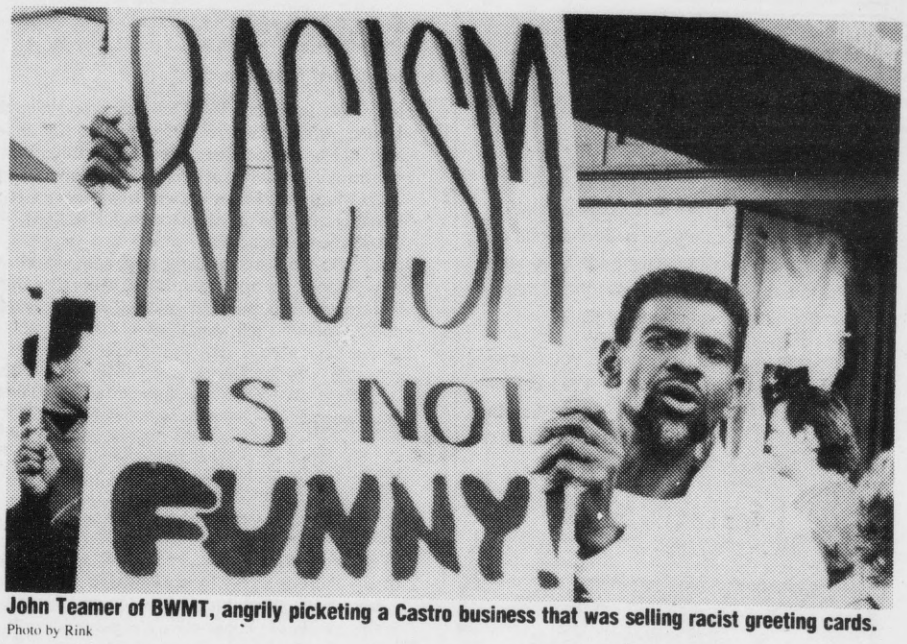
All organizations have a mission and a sub-theme. For example, part of the mission of Black and White Men Together is to create a safe space for multiculturalism. The sub-themes are social, political and spiritual. Part of GLAAD's political mission is to defend lesbians and gays against defamation and some oppression issues. The social and spiritual themes are not as developed. Girth and Mirth has a social mission but little political advocacy for big men or exploration of health or spiritual issues. So, different groups have required different skills and objectives from their leadership. And some leaders lack the vision, the inclination and/or support to expand on those themes.

WHY LEADERS MOVE ON

Organizations outgrow leaders and leaders outgrow the need for organizations. Nowadays, the demand for dynamic leadership is more than organizing a demonstration or a bake sale. There are 501(C)3s, spin consultants, boards of directors and lawsuits to consider. But generally, burnout has more to do with people than issues. Volunteer organizations attract leaders with varying degrees of sophistication—from the very savvy, to those who have just won a popularity or beauty contest but don't have a clue as to what to do. This investment in remaining popular and glamorous is a serious weakness and a way in which gays differ from their opposition.

Some capable leaders accomplish what is possible, given the resources that are available, and move on. Some tire of the politics. Others are not sufficiently challenged, or cannibalized by those whom they seek to serve. We do not recycle or regenerate leaders. We bury them in blame, accusation and complaints. We offer little gratitude, and many just fade away.

Faulty selection has been a towering problem.



John Teamer of BWMT, angrily picketing a Castro business that was selling racist greeting cards.
Photo by Rink

There is one national organization that has a chair who is not "out" and hence does not interact with other national leaders and therefore cannot serve his organization as a spokesperson or appropriately represent the mission of acceptance of difference for his constituency.

Some organizations are focused around issues which have a shelf-life. When Mike Smith founded BWMT, there was a tremendous response because Black men and white men wanted a forum (which did not exist) in which to interact socially, spiritually, politically. The concept was more controversial then than now. Through the years the number of men supporting BWMT's mission has dissipated as multicultural coupling has become more prevalent in a broader gay context as well as in mainstream society. ACT UP may go the same way, should Larry Kramer get his way and there is a Manhattan Project, and finally, a cure for AIDS is found.

Many of our brighter minds have turned away from the real underlying issue—accepting and respecting difference—to concentrate on survival, both health-wise and economic. Survival of their organizations and personal survival in a depressed economy. Many leaders have died of AIDS, leaving a legacy of philanthropy, dedication and activism behind them—but too often, that legacy is not remembered. Too often, their abilities have not been replaced. Many of us who survive are depressed, overwhelmed and burned-out due to the staggering price our community already has paid. Yet we are taxed to continue fighting racism, sexism and other problems within our very own ranks, as well as continuing the ever-intensifying battle against homophobia without.

To the multi-oppressed, homophobia is just another log on the fire. A look at the boards and the leadership that get the most coverage by the gay press is a sad reflection of the fact that we are not accepting of our own diversity. In contrast, an obvious objective of the Marches on Washington and Stonewall 25 is inclusion of our differing elements. But, as in the larger society, white males continue to dominate most gay organizations whose essential focus has been and continues to be white, upscale gay issues, not human rights. People of color's participation and leadership continues to be absent from these groups. Black leaders, as a rule, do not do well in white-dominated organizations. The trend has been to break away and form separate caucuses and organizations, such as NBGLLF, GMAD, LLAGDA, GAPA. Even BWMT has an ongoing Black caucus where, as with their White Caucus, it is okay to own one's separate space. Will multiculturalism generate meaningful coalition?

Often Blacks are recruited to sit on boards like trophies while the decisions continue to be made by the same white power structure that existed before they arrived. Of course, this speaks to the issue of failed leadership in finding more projects for ongoing coalitions upon which a diverse leadership can work together, and whether or not that is a serious objective. Among the survivors there is a conflict of interest between those who fight for their identity and those who want to limit being gay to a dirty little secret kept in the military, in our homes, on our jobs, in polite company, and gays who will forever kiss straight America's ass.

We add our own deterrents to the clarity and nobility of who gays see as models by not telling our stories, by selling ourselves out, and by cannibalizing the altruistic leadership that has brought us this far. We give credence to the argument for not choosing homosexuality as a lifestyle because gays end up lonely old men and spinsters with no social relevance. People want something whether they volunteer or just survive—even if their desire is as noble as only knowing that they have made a difference. Most gay organizations begrudge giving their leadership that. Too often, we deprive our leaders of validation when they most need it; when we most need their experienced, strong voices to lead the way. ✿

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bill. Also, urge Rep. Ron Dellums, who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, to attach HR2743 to the defense authorization bill. While you're at it, write Rep. Gerry Studds, chair of Merchant Marines & Fisheries, which oversees the U.S. Coast Guard, and urge him to attach HR2743 to the Coast Guard budget.

Clinton may want to put the issue behind him, but Rep. Woolsey's bill will revive it when Congress re-convenes in September, and her message is this: don't ask, don't tell, don't pay.

Robert D. Harmon
Mill Valley

Bad Asian

I am not a political person, but the other day something happened that made me so angry that I must get it off my chest.

I saw an advertisement in the newspaper for a play called *And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept*, by someone named Justin Chin. I thought, "Great, finally there is a play by a gay Asian man!"

But what a shock I had when I went to the play! It was awful. He constantly referred to himself as a fag, a queer and as a Chink. He also talked about suicide, molestation, non-loving sex and other negative things. But worst of all, in a section called "9-7-CHINK" he made gay Asians look really bad. As if gay Asians do not face enough prejudice and hatred in this world! Many gay Asians have worked hard to fit into gay society and have been accepted by mainstream society. For Justin Chin to make such ugly and negative images is an insult to all gay Asians.

I am a proud gay Asian American. I am not a Chink. I am not a fag. Justin Chin is a bad person. I left his show feeling like I wanted to vomit. I was so sad and angry and disappointed. I hope the people at Josie's will pick a better, more positive play, like Pat Lee's show last year; it was so much more positive that I could even bring my parents to it. That represents the real gay Asian-American community that should be shown next time.

R.A. Shin
San Francisco

Analysis

In response to ("Confronting Offal," SF Bay Times, July 29:

The equating of "dykes" with "queers" and both with "trash" is not an idea, it's name-calling. While the equation doesn't trash personalities, it certainly does trash entire groups of people. This is called prejudice.

The worn idea that "trash... sets back our course" is historically contradicted by the fact that, for instance, drag queens—not conservatives in business suits—rebelled at Stonewall, and furthermore the fact that ACT UP members were very effective in getting professionals to see beyond statistics and drug companies to investigate their practices.

For one who complains about "trashing personalities," the accusation that the Clintons' marriage is one of convenience is hypocritical.

In a few words, in one letter Thomas M. Edwards expresses prejudice, ignorance and hypocrisy. This is not trashing him, it is analyzing a letter.

He claims to want discussion. Let him quit the crap, and start discussing.

John D. Dolan
San Francisco

For All Women

In response to Stephanie Garcia (*SF Bay Times*, Aug. 13) and all the other dykes who wondered about the flyer and calender entry for "Dyke Separatist Gathering" at the Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Ms. Garcia may have interpreted the ad for the "non-S/M separatist" event as evidence that Whiptail excluded non-separatist or S/M dykes as a matter of policy. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is for *all* women, as idealistic as this sounds. The collective (which you can be part of merely by showing up Sundays at 7 pm) has the task of keeping the center open. Women in the community are free to create what they want and need in the space. The views of groups or individuals who sponsor events do not reflect the opinions of the Whiptail Lizard Lounge or collective.

There are no leaders in the Whiptail collective (it is staffed entirely by volunteers), and our philosophy is, "If you don't show up and make it what you want, don't bitch later." The Lounge is a "do-it-yourself" lesbian community center. Do you want to throw a party, hold a meeting, sponsor a benefit, produce a show? Then do it! Pick a date, invite your friends, we'll help you with the details of making it happen.

The Lounge is drug-, alcohol- and smoke-free. This is not because everyone who uses it is clean and sober (although some are), but because it is meant to be an alternative to the bars. It is not a place that is only for a certain "type" of lesbian—unless of course you never show up and then wonder why there's no one there like you! It's new enough that you can participate in its evolution and make it the sort of place you would like to support.

We all hear complaints about how divided the lesbian community is. This new center is a living experiment. Can we share this space with each other regardless of political differences, sexual proclivities, etc.? We encourage women to create what they want and allow other women to do the same, even if we don't all agree. There is room for *all* of us! Are we up for the challenge? Isn't it about time?

And for those of you who were offended or wondering, on Saturday, Aug. 28, there will be an open Leather Dyke Social at the Whiptail Lizard Lounge from 8-11 pm. The next separatist gathering will be on Sept. 18 from 4-6 pm. Or, join us for an evening of chocolate and Tampax at the PMS Lounge on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 3-7 pm.

The Lounge is located at 4035 18th St. (one block east of Castro Street) and we are open Saturdays from noon-11 pm and Sundays from noon-9 pm. See you there!

The Whiptail Lizard
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San Francisco

Heartening Response

Thank you for the recent story about Old Wives' Tales ("Old Wives' Tales Facing Closure," *SF Bay Times*, July 29). Val Phoenix did a great job of putting it all together.

The response to the article has been heartening, but we won't know until the end of September whether or not we'll be able to keep the store open (I misspoke during the interview with Val: our decision will made at the end of September, not August).

One clarification: While we are actively seeking donations to help capitalize the store and get us out of debt, we also realize that many people cannot afford to give outright donations. We are also looking for both long- and short-term loans; people who might be able to support us in this way should call the store to discuss a payment plan and interest rates. (At this point, we have repaid all loans that have come due—and on time!)

We are grateful to all those women who have already donated or lent us money. The more donations and loans we get, the more likely it is that we can keep OWT open.

Thank you, *SF Bay Times*, for all your support.

Darlene Pagano
Old Wives' Tales
San Francisco

We Will Be Shrill

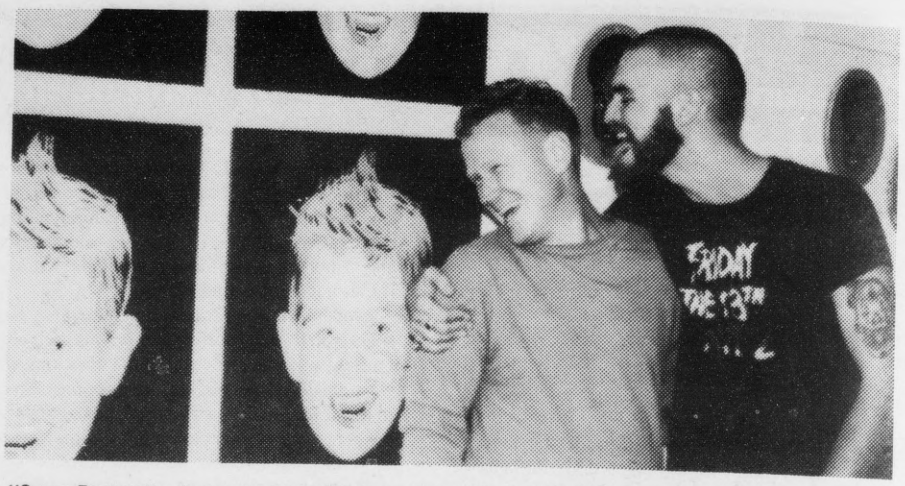
The following is an open letter to the GLAAD Response Committee:

In your recent letter regarding GLAAD's public forum, "Queer vs. Gay," ("More Than the Panel," *SF Bay Times*, July 29) you attributed comments to Anne Ogborn, all of which were entirely my comments. You must be assuming that all transgendered people look alike and act in consort. Actually, Anne and I attended the forum separately, without invitation, and acted individually.

To invite as a panelist a representative of an oppressive institution (a psychiatrist) who, according to your printed program, "serves the transgendered community," and omit any representatives of that community, doubly insults transgendered people and is an offensive action worthy of Jesse Helms, not GLAAD.

An organization designed to combat defamation acted in a defamatory way toward gender identity minorities. GLAAD's actions at the forum were genuinely transphobic and dragphobic. Your moderator deserved my description, "asshole," and the assimilationist panelist "faggot" when he sneered at the term "transgender."

GLAAD's penchant for misinformation is obviously superseded only by your capacity to further oppress minorities within a community you purport to represent. Had you invited, as a panelist, a male psychiatrist who "serves the women's community," and not invited any women, you would be willingly admitting your mistake, issuing apologies, and doing exactly what Anne Ogborn demanded—review-



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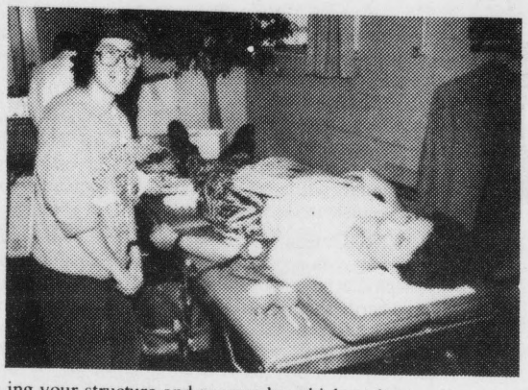

Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund director Lenore Chinn at the annual AIDS/ARC Biood Drive at Most Holy Redeemer Church. Photo by Rink

ing your structure and process by which such oppressive and offensive decisions are made.

Gone are the days when transgendered and bigendered people will politely accept marginalization. The time is quickly approaching when such insulting "community" forums will be met with massive transgendered and bigendered response. Putting a transgendered person on the panel was all I demanded. (After all, if transgendered people are not "queer," who is?) All other points of contention are petty and notwithstanding. We will be "shrill" if the need presents itself. You will not choose our tactics, misinform the public about our issues, or practice character assassination against our leaders. (Anne Ogborn's savvy activist experience and resume are extensive.) Nor is it my responsibility to educate you. A plethora of resources exist for your self-education. "Well meaning" is not good enough. Educate yourselves or become the enemy. Do the right thing as a representative community organization. It's simple. Put a transgendered person on all your panels. You have no excuses. Bigendered and transgendered people, too, are allied against defamation!

Sister Vicious PHB
San Francisco

Focus on Hate

Colorado Alert! I just received a mailing from "Focus on the Family," a religious fanatic organization based out of—you guessed it—Colorado Springs, Colo. The state that brought us Amendment 2. Included in this mailing, aside from the normal solicitation for money and support, was their toll-free number, 1-800 A FAMILY (1-800-232-6459). Seems to me that the right wing recently declared war on the gay and lesbian community. Let's hit 'em in their pocketbooks. Make a few calls. Each call costs *them* money.

And don't forget to continue to mail those postage-paid magazine enrollment cards that have Colorado return addresses, with the appropriate "Amendment 2 Equals Hatred" instead of your name. The war is just beginning.

Name withheld by request
El Cerrito

Keep C-SPAN in Berkeley

On July 9, Bay Cablevision, which supplies cable service to much of the East Bay, including Berkeley, cut back on its coverage of C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2, substituting other programming during prime time hours.

During the National Gay and Lesbian March on Washington, C-SPAN broadcast complete coverage of stage events and speakers, providing an invaluable service to those unable to attend the march in person. C-SPAN broadcast the Senate hearings on Roberta Achtenberg, the debates on gays in the military, and the hearings on local military base closures. C-SPAN regularly broadcasts debates, forums and conferences on economic and foreign policy of immediate and vital interest to everybody in the Bay Area—without the filter of know-it-all establishment pundits.

In her announcement that C-SPAN coverage was being curtailed, Bay Cablevision General Manager Dahlia Moodie claims that "we have no choice but to make (these) changes." This is bullshit. Yes, to accommodate changes mandated by the 1992 Cable Act, the company may have needed to juggle some of its coverage—but there was no reason to sacrifice C-SPAN. The company chose to leave untouched more profitable stations (which carry inane "infomercials" for hours every night) because these bring money to Bay Cablevision. Public service was cynically sacrificed to greed. Surely, full-time access to C-SPAN should be the very *minimum* of public service that any cable company provides. By cutting off its viewers' access to C-SPAN, Bay Cablevision is cutting off their access to the national debate on gay rights, foreign policy, economic reform and any number of other vital issues.

I hope that everyone affected will protest this cutback and insist that Bay Cablevision restore full 24-hour coverage of C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2. The person responsible is Dahlia Moodie, General Manager, Bay Cablevision, 2900 Technology Court, Richmond, CA 94806.

Steven Saylor
Berkeley

Gay Rags for Russia

As you are probably aware, homosexuality was recently decriminalized in Russia. I have received correspondence from a 29-year-old officer in the Russian army who is leading a new gay organization in his region of Russia. The organization is called EGO and, in addition to providing a contact and support network for Russian gays, has organized a ten-day camping expedition along the Volga River. They hope to have 100-120 participants for what is the first public gay event in their region.

Though financial and worldwide community support is welcome to assist in their struggle, they are also in dire need of gay publications, both erotic and otherwise. If you can, please donate sample copies of men's adult videos, magazines, calendars, newspapers, etc. They can be mailed directly to: Sergey V. Samoylenko, PO Box 264, 414000 Astrakhan, Russia.

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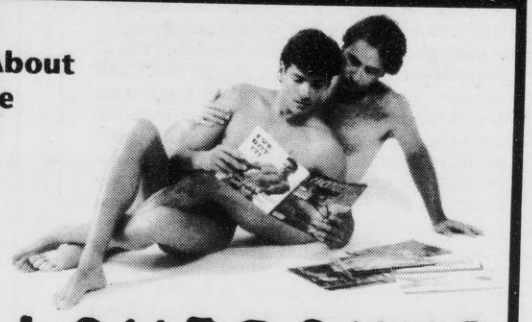

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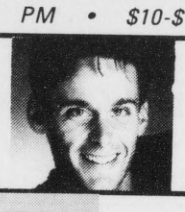

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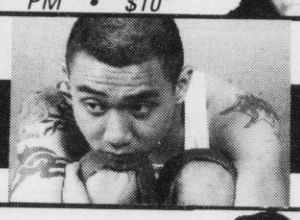

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Of Virgins, Urgin's, & Mergin's

The sun has just gone into Virgo, and this time Mercury is zipping close to the sun. Mercury is a tricky little zipper, and nowadays he's helping to bring out the Virgo in all of us. Yes, no matter what other signs and scars you may have, every single one of us (still!) has a virginal aspect. The fussy, critical side of Virgo is very overemphasized, but do watch out for that tendency in the next couple of weeks. This sign can bring out the shrewd sensualist in all of us, especially drawing interest to artful bondage and buttplay. Wherever your interests get tied up, this is a good time to focus on technique and simplicity.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You've been in a playful mood lately, but although it will last a bit longer, it is now turning a bit more serious. You're playing not just for the fun of the game, but to do the best you can. This can be bit unnerving to teammates who only want a good time. Any competitiveness you may have is exaggerated now, although current aspects aren't really about competition. It's about analyzing your game and doing your best. This energy could be channeled into creative interests other than sports and it is a good time to seek guidance and constructive criticism for any artistic or theatrical work you may be involved in, even if it's "only" a hobby.

TAURUS: It may be a few months late for spring cleaning, but this is an excellent time for you to go through the house, throw out everything you don't need and scrub everything remaining. If you don't live alone remember that this is your project, pertaining to your personal space and belongings. You can certainly suggest the project to roommates and negotiate something, but you may still be left to work on your own. This can also be a good time to sort out family affairs, but in dealing with members of your family resist the temptation to criticize. You may mean well, but the planets are making you more bitchy than you realize. You probably think it's them, and to some extent it probably is, but watch your own attitude and your own mouth.

GEMINI: Your sign already has a reputation as the motormouth of the zodiac. Lately you've been defending that reputation with loquacious zeal. Although your tongue isn't going to get a rest any time soon, your tone is changing in ways you probably don't realize. You've been very friendly and outgoing lately, and that's part of your nature, but it's had a special boost. Now you're becoming more critical, perhaps supportively critical with all intentions of being gently helpful, but your tongue is a bit sharper than you intend, probably a good deal more than you realize. Make a special effort to be gentle and kind; and have your apologies ready.

CANCER: Money makes the world go 'round, and it sure has yours spinning! Your tendency now is to be acutely aware of scarcity and to try to organize and simplify your finances as much as possible. Money and resources are probably not as scarce as you think, but simplicity and order are a good idea on general principles. This is an almost ideal time to balance your checkbook and get accounts in order. "Almost"? The single caveat is a tendency to dither and obsess over trivia. If you have a big mess to clean up take short hourly breaks and remember to breathe. Arguments over money come easily. Remember that you're dealing with your own issues. It will be simpler if you leave others out of it.

LEO: You've been looking good, feeling good, and sounding good. You normally do, of course, but especially so in the 30 days beginning with your birthday. Since the sun went into Virgo on the 22nd, your bolder-than-usual self-expression, along with your generosity and eagerness to help others, has taken a critical turn. Your exuberance may have a sharp edge that others would not appreciate. This is an excellent time to cultivate a bit of introspection and humility. Those traits don't come easily to you, but it may help you to know that introspection and humility will help you to look truly fabulous as you complete those 30 days after your birthday.

VIRGO: Eenie-meenie, chili beany, the spirits are giving you an earful! If you are of a particularly spiritual bent, your spirits and intuitions are extraordinarily sharp these days. But your brain is a little too busy, so take time to meditate and center yourself. Before your birthday you are especially introspective and self-critical. It may be a good time for some self-analysis, but right now it's easy to get much too hard on yourself. Acutely aware of your flaws, remember that you are only human, and that spotting your problems is a first step toward solving them. With your birthday you will come out of your shell, bright and loquacious! *Happy Birthday: Terry Galbraith, Gaetano Amorosi, Frank Dennie, Darrel Haven & Bob Dern!*

LIBRA: Right now your political observations are very sharp and insightful, but with your clever analysis of the fine points, it's easy for you to lose track of the grander scheme. Gracious though you are, your critiques may also fall on unappreciative ears. Put your innate diplomacy to double duty! Some people just have trouble hearing the constructive intentions behind constructive criticism. This is also a good time to re-examine your own long range goals. Take time to think about where you'd like to be 10, 20, 30 years down the road.

SCORPIO: Your sign is well known for its quiet take-charge attitude. Right now, whatever executive skills you have tend to focus on organizational details, and tiny, nattering minutiae. You're being very outspoken on that subject and could get into arguments with your superiors. Try to bring up any criticism or insights very gently and with an open attitude that invites them to consider possibilities. Otherwise you can be heavy handed and insistent. (You know how you get!) Curb the temptation to speak in a bossy manner. The stars show you all too easily falling into that tone with everyone and anyone.

SAGITTARIUS: Nobody ever accused you of being shy, but right now they may accuse you of plenty else. You're typically outspoken, but this time of year even more so. Your typically humorous and open minded outlook is now taking an unusually critical tone which can easily cast a nasty tone on conversations. Part of it is indeed you, part of it is other people. But you can only be responsible for yourself. You can apply that critical intellectual focus to reading, or writing. It's an excellent time to take up some study. Just be careful not to get in too deep with a long range commitment. This acute focus is a phase that will pass within a few weeks.

CAPRICORN: Your mind is currently focusing in on nasty little things that most people don't like to talk about. But sex, death and metaphysics are staples of queer community conversations, so you may demonstrate a risque, shattering wit that people don't commonly associate with your sign. Be careful that you don't overdo it. You already have a keen insight and a very dry wit. With current transits your surgical epigrams could cut a lot more deeply than you intend.

AQUARIUS: Is your partner driving you crazy with picky little details? Poor dear! No, not you! Your partner is the poor dear! What are you doing to provoke such reaction? Oh? Now, don't give me that! You give sympathy much better than you take it, and you delight in provoking reaction. You may not realize your part in this critical back and forth, but this is showing up in your chart, not your partner's. Right now you're enjoying analytical repartee and insights into relationships so take any critique as an invitation to a verbal dance. Strive for grace, not competition. That will be hard to do. In fact it's a challenge that few people would even conceive of taking. All the more reason why you're the perfect person to do it.

PISCES: Poor little fish. How you worry. Actually you go through strong ups and downs including ecstatic, blissful highs that others envy as well as your periodic frantic, fretting frenzies. Overall there's no need to pity you, but this can be one of your rough times with the planets drawing you into a worrisome state about your health and your work. Do your best to stay in a constructive frame of mind. This is actually an excellent time to review all those picky little habits related to work, health and hygiene. A fretting mind is just a busy brain that needs direction so focus on such minor, but important tasks as flossing your teeth, stretching before workouts and the repetitive minutiae at work. ✿

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Pen to Paper: New creative writing class for adults 55 & over, spons by SF Jewish Community Center. 1:30-3:30 pm, taught by Margo Perin, novelist & short story writer. Includes techniques for getting started, discovering one's writing voice, effective dialogue, point of view & imagery. Learn how to turn your life experiences into polished stories. All levels of writers are welcome. Thurs, 1-3:30 pm. $4 per session. Montefiore Senior Center, SFJCC, 3200 California St, SF. Info/res: Ada Burko 346-6040 ext 3061.

New Horizons support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual adults ages 21-29: 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23: 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

At Cody's Books: Anne Lamott reads from *Operating Instructions*, a journal chronicling the birth of her son and their first year together. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

99 Cent Queer Video Fest at Paula's Clubhouse: 7-10 pm, followed by "Junk" with DJs Junkyard & Zanne, 10 pm-2 am. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Ronald Takaki, ethnic diversity scholar, discusses his new book, *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Overcoming Heterosexual Conditioning—How does it affect our lives, how do we unlearn it? All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

At The Booksmith: Kathy Acker reads from her new novel, *My Mother Demonology*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Ellen Lewin reads from her new book *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*, an anthropological look at lesbian parenthood. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon: Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) at Empress of China Restaurant, 838 Grant Ave at Washington, SF. Awards Cermony: Delaine Eastin, Calif Assemblyperson from Fremont, receives the Political Woman of the Year award, Ruth Picon of the Latino Democratic Club receives the Community Organizer of the Year award. Keynote Speaker: Susan Kennedy, executive director of the California Democratic Club. Come celebrate women's right to vote! Noon-12:30 reception (no-host bar), 12:30-2 pm lunch & program. Tix $40. Info/res: 861-8880.

Women Who Make A Difference Awards Ceremony in honor of Women's Equality Day: Noon, SF City Hall Rotunda. Ceremony honors 10 distinguished women in City service. Spons by the Commission on the Status of Women and the SF Mayor's Office. Wheelchair Accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented products.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Mary Morris (*Nothing to Declare, Wall to Wall) reads from her new novel, A Mother's Love*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

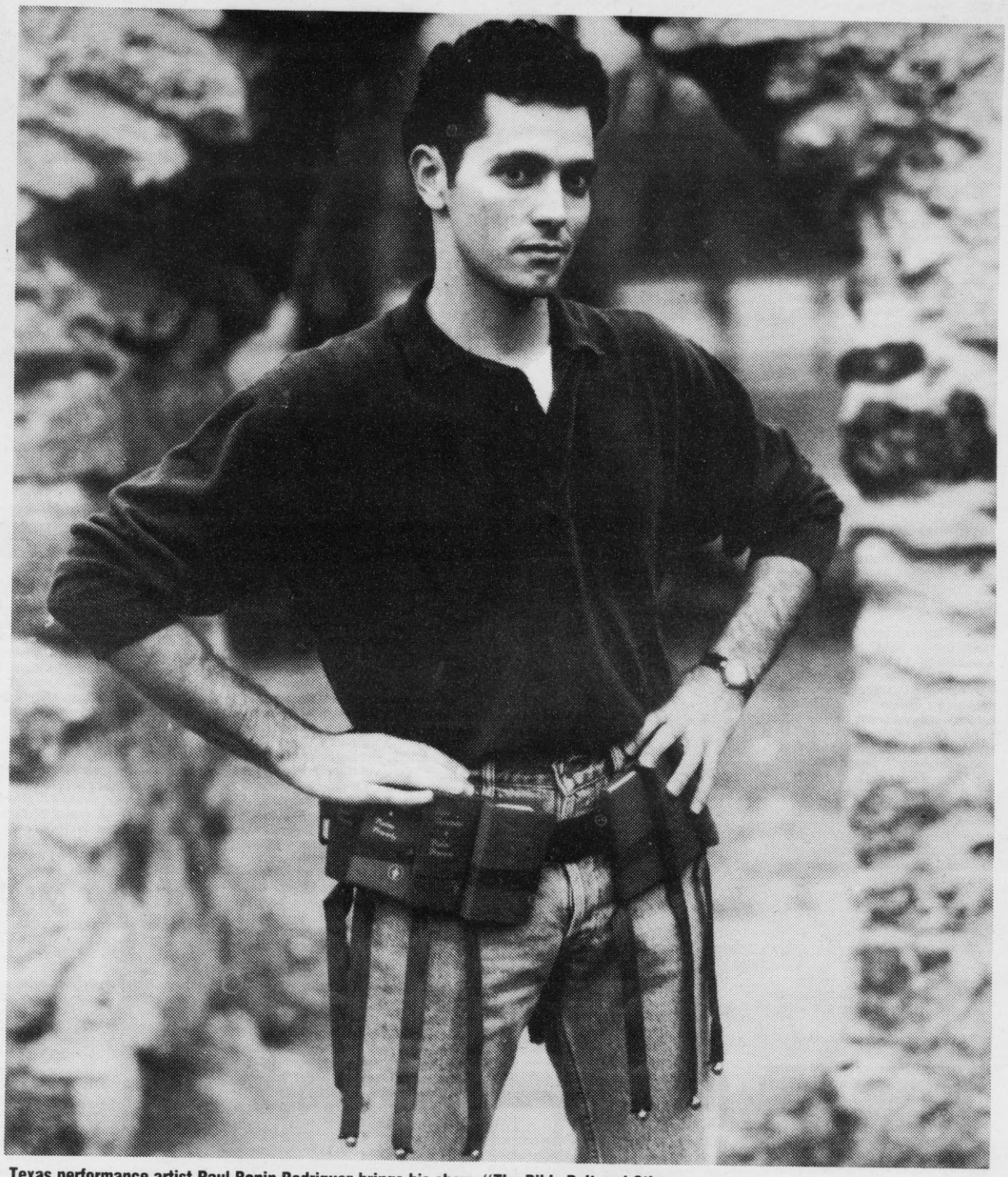
NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How I Almost Shot Off My Wig As I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," a one-man theater piece taking a satirical look at homophobia & nationalism in the Black community. Patterson created Nefertiti as a response "to the madness of nationalism, separatism, religious homophobia—the whole last ditch effort being mounted to blunt the empowerment of gay men & lesbians. It is especially painful for me to watch so many Black leaders 'integrate' themselves into the mainstream backwardness which seeks to destroy all my gay brothers & sisters in the name of God & good government." The ebullient Black drag queen Nefertiti critiques the minds & methods of the members of the fancy Black men's club who threaten her life after she sings her own distinctive paean to self-esteem & economic development. Patterson's "theatrical kick in the teeth" runs Wed-Sun 8/25-9/5 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

ETVC, TV/TS & Friends Club, presents "South of the Border Vacation," an end of the month social. Includes Great Legs contest! 8 pm. Info/location (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142. ETVC is a 400-member support/social group for the transgender community.

At Freight & Salvage: Celtic music & more with *Fabulous Fiddlers Three*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Claiming Our Desire: Wkshop focuses on helping survivors of sexual trauma & abuse fully reclaim full erotic lives. Come see how masturbation, sex toys, diverse sexual practices and fantasy can be healing tools. Two-part wkshop (tonight & tmw, 8-10:30 pm) explores how abuse affects sexuality and provides exercises for rebuilding the erotic & sexual self. Come prepared to examine & release old pain while making room for full expression of your sexuality. Facilitated by two survivors, Blake C Aarens, erotic author & senior editor of *Ache: A Journal for Lesbians of African Descent* and Staci Haines, experienced facilitator and store manager of Good Vibrations. $40, women only, pre-reg required. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info/reg: 974-8980.

At DNA Lounge: *Fuzz Factor*. 9:30 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.



Texas performance artist Paul Bonin-Rodriguez brings his show, "The Bible Belt and Other Accessories," to Josie's Cabaret Sept 9-12. Calendar has info.

AUG 27 / F R I

Homeless Art & Advocacy Fair: 11 am-7 pm at SF State University, Jack Adams Hall, Student Union. Event offers artwork & goods by homeless and low-income artists for sale. It is spons by the Bay Area Homelessness Program as part of the Teaching About Homelessness Conference being held 8/26-27 at SFSU. Info: Lyta Hamm 338-1938 or 338-6405.

Recovery as Spiritual Practice Seminar spons by JFK University Graduate School of Professional Psychology. 6-9 pm tonight, 9 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Combines presentation, discussion & experiential work to explore the spiritual aspects of the 12-step tradition. Topics include boundaries, surrender, higher power, the healing process and the inner critic. Fee $85. 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0110.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Walter Jon Williams, author of cyerhits *Hardwired* and *Angel Station*, signs coies of his new novel, Aristo. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) THE-DARK.

Marin TGIF at Charpe's: Marin Bay Area Career Women hosts their TGIF at Charpe's in SF! Join the Marin board and Marin members at BACW's classic event. Meet new and old women friends! 6-9 pm. 131 Gough St at Lily, SF. Note: Charpe's is now smoke-free.

Blac' Stuff Black Memorabilia Showcase at Oakland Convention Center, see 8/26.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 9/3. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Molly Young Brown, author of *Growing Whole: Self-Realization on an Endangered Planet*, offers practical techniques for directing our human potential to work effectively toward personal & global well being. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

"Stupid Breeze," an acoustic sound performance by National Disgrace, local sound ensemble. Show incorporates lyrics collected from members of the Bay Area art & literature community. 7:30 pm, $3. Fun House Gallery, 3804 17th St at Sanchez, SF. Info: 626-6273.

NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, the Pyramid Queen, or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig as I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26.

An eve of women's comedy presented by KPFA's Women's Department. Special guest comic Maureen Brownsey is joined by Karla Carmony, Annie Larson, Stephanie Mazow, Kathy Russell, Jeannette Samiento & Vannessa von detta for a night of laughs at 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley. 8 pm, free!

At Mama Bears: Open Mike for women musicians & comics. Don't be shy girls—let it out! Time for 5 or 6 performers, sign up early. Drop by or call (510) 428-9684. 8 pm, $3. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Just A Stage Improv Comedy Group presents "Gag," an eve of hilarious improved comedy skits at SF's premiere queer comedy improv group. 8 pm, $5. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info: 861-5079.

Dark Shadows Society Social: Gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Night of potluck, videos & fun. 8 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

At Freight & Salvage: Bay Area folksinger Michael McNevin. 8:30 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley.

Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with funnyboys Tom Ammiano & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At DNA Lounge: *Day & Age*, formerly *Hoi Polloi*. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 28 / S A T

Heather Farms/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Route 24 east to Hwy 680, go north on 680 and take first exit immediately on right (Ygnacio Valley Rd). Turn right onto Ygnacio, follow for approx 2 miles. At bottom of hill, just past John Muir hospital, turn left onto San Carlos Drive. Take first left, meet in parking lot in front of swim center. 9 am. Info: Roz (510)

939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

Beyond Breaking Up: A workshop for lesbians on emotional detachment & tools for rebuilding your life. Info: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Joanna Devrais, art therapist & co-author of *Allergy Free Eating* discusses how art can uncover your buried food connections in this workshop for anyone who wishes to explore in depth their relationship with food. Don't be concerned about your drawing skills! Crayons & paper provided. Pre-reg required, call 641-7356. $25. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

Mobilization for Jobs, Peace & Justice: Join the lesbian/gay liberation contingent in this march commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1963 civil rights march on Washington. Gather 10:30 am at Oak & Masonic, SF; march 11 am to Civic Center. "Be there, be queer, be against the military"—call LAGAI 641-8769 for more info.

Spectrum/Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Picnic—See Parents & Kids Box for details.

Oakland lesbians living btwn 40th & 51st, Telegraph & Broadway (mostly) are invited to come hang out with other dykes at a backyard potluck, noon-3 pm. Come meet your neighbors! Info/location or to get on mailing list: Lisa (510) 655-8792.

Asian Pacific Lesbian Network raffle at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. Noon-3 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

Brew Banquet & Blues: Sample over 25 of the nation's finest brew pubs to the blues sounds of Merl Saunders & the *RainForest Band* at the Festival Pavilion, Ft Mason Center, SF. 12:30-5 pm, $25 adv, $30 at door. Includes beer, food & music. Proceeds benefit Project Open Hand. Info/tix: 281-0110.

Awakening Thru Movement Wkshop: 3-part workshop series for women on the use of the expressive arts (movement, drawing, storytelling, etc) to heighten self-awareness, healing & creativity. All women are welcome, with a special invitation extended to incest & abuse survivors. No experience needed. Three sessions: 12:30-4:30 pm today & 9/12 & 25 at Danceground Keriac Studio in SF. Fee: $90. Info/reg: Sue Martin 826-4837.

Alternative Treatment Methods for HIV/AIDS: A free community forum offers practical approaches to HIV/AIDS as a chronic treatable disease, improving the quality of life & nurturing the healing process with Chinese medicine, chiropractic & nutrition, physcial therapy, hypnosis & stress reduction. 2-4 pm. Metropolitan Community Church MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Presented by Discovery Forums. Info: 252-9041.

Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

PMS Lounge at Whiptail Lizard Alternative Dyke Space: An afternoon of chocolate & tampax for the terminally irritated. Biggest Bitch Contest at 5 pm features dykes to argue with (a buck a bitch). 3-7 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

2nd Annual Human Dog Show hosted by the King of Leather V, His Majesty Vern Stewart of SF, and His Royal Consort, Bill Gooch of Sacramento, the Crown Prince of Leather V, at the SF Eagle, 12th & Harrison, SF. Event held 3-7 pm, during a $7 beer and soda bust. King Stewart and Prince Gooch will be assisted by the Chevaliers of the 1993 Celestial Leather Court, who will serve as official hosts during the benefit for the Celestial Krewe de Cuir (spons of SF's Leather Mardi Gras at Bal Masque VI, 2/5/94). Today's fundraiser includes an auction of quality items conducted by Random Choice and Don Killam, with entertainment headlined by Mr & Ms Cheeks & Chaps 1991-92, Scott Karnuth & Judith Tury, the hot men of SF's Phoenix Uniform Club & the Sacramento Leather Association, plus a special appearance by "Cruella de'Ville." Plus leather/levi/fetish demos and a 50/50 raffle. Info: 255-4663.

Blac' Stuff: Black Memorabilia Showcase at the Oakland Convention Center. Final day! See 8/26 listing for details.

Negatives Being Positive Potluck Social: 6:30 pm social hour followed by potluck dinner at Kairoshouse, 114 Douglass St between Market & 17th Sts, SF. Tropical Island theme. Bring your favorite food dish. If you don't cook, call & find out what non-prep item you can bring. Soft drinks provided. $1 donation. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672.

At Cody's Books: Author Stacy Allison discusses *Beyond the Limits: A Woman's Triumph on Everest*, the story of her exceptional personal achivement on the mountain and off. She is introduced by Arlene Blum, leader of the Woman's Climb of Annapurna in 1978 and author of *Annapurna: A Woman's Place*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Auction & Raffle to benefit the Russia Project, a program of support for human rights for lesbians & gays in Russia. 7-10 pm at the Unitarian Center, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Come have fun, meet new people, buy lots of good stuff and raise funds to help bring hope & strength to gay & lesbian people around the world. If you have goods or services you'd like to donate call Jennifer (510) 559-9023 or Chuck (415) 751-7087, for more info or to volunteer call Jennifer at the above number. Donations may be mailed to The Russia Project, 1151 Solano Ave, Ste 105, Albany 94706.

"Fancy Double" country western dance for women, a benefit for two Southbay all-women dance teams, 931 Cloggers and Midnight Stryderz. Festivities include free clogging lessons with Janice Hanzel, 7:30-8:30 pm, and dance performances by both groups. Dancing till 11:30 pm. $9 cover. No alcohol or smoking. Live Oak Rec Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave, btwn Rose & Berryman, North Berkeley. Info: Lilia (510) 271-5916.

SF Gay Men's Chorus present "Cabaret 15," an evening of pop, comedy & cabaret vocalists from the Chorus soloists. A diverse & delightful evening of fine music performed by some of your favorite men—don't miss! 7 & 9 pm, $15. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Shake Your Feminist Booty & support the Women's Choice Clinic, the first feminist clinic in the Bay Area providing abortions & low cost gynecological care. Fun includes erotic reading by Carol Queen, safe sex demo, music & inspiration with Rashida Oji, and salsa dancing with *Azucar y Crema* Emcees Scarlot Harlot & Dee Russell! 7:30 pm-midnight at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF. $10-35 SL donation. Come support community healthcare!

NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig as I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26.

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At Mama Bears: Midlife Crisis concert with Cynthia McQuillin & Dr Jane Robinson. Their performance includes songs from the new tape, from a tape in progress, and old favorites. 8 pm. $3. Info: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Leather Dyke Social at Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space. 8-11 pm, women only. Play pool, listen to tunes, meet women. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free.

Carol McComb & Nina Gerber in concert at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Full Moon Tantra: Breathe, sweat & cum with other men in this naked full moon tantric sex ritual which transverses the terrain from quiet meditation to ecstatic release. 9 pm at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 731-2834.

At DNA Lounge: *10 Bass T* with guests *Last 2 Serve*. 10 pm, $7. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info 626-1409.

Our Coming Out Party at Paula's Clubhouse, with special guests, hosted by Klubstitute. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Karla Carmony & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Save the Foreskins! "For a Song," benefit at Komotion features political satirist Dave Lippman, the Mission District's Lisa Palty, folk goddess Jano Brindisi, TV actor & funny fellow Steve Coyle, plus SF songrockers *Grant's Tomb*. A benefit for NOHARMM (Nat'l Organization to Halt the Abuse & Routine Mutilation of Males), a children's rights group working to end routine infant circumcision. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show starts at 10. $5. 2779 16th St nr Folsom, SF.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Rat Bastards, High Rollers* and *The DJ Burns Band*. 10 pm-2 am. $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

The Bucktooth Varmits play at Paula's Clubhouse on Sept. 10. Photo by Erin O'Neill

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AUG 29 / SUN

Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore Hike with SF Hiking Club: Exploratory loop via Rift Zone, Greenpicker, Firtop, Glen & Bear Valley Trails. Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores. Moderately strenuous, 1600 ft elevation gain, 13.5 mile (21.7 km) distance. Hike starts at Bear Valley Trailhead. Driving distance 35 miles each way. Cost per car $10, includes $3 bridge toll & $7 mileage, to be shared among passengers. Bring water, lunch & sunscreen, dress in layers. Info: Jim 285-3760 evenings.

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Memorial Park Hike with GLS (Gay/Lesbian Sierrans): Hike thru stream-side redwoods and along ridge tops with valley views in this county park south of La Honda, on the SF Peninsula. 2A1 Rating (6-10 miles, less than 1000 ft elevation gain, fire road or gentle trail terrain). Joint hike with Loma Prieta (Southbay) GLS. Meet 9:30 am at Church & Market St Thrifty or at Wurr Rd parking area south of Hwy 84 at 11 am Bring lunch, snacks, water, layered clothing and hiking boots. Info: Pete 861-4045.

Albany Dykes Brunch: Don't die wondering if that cute woman in the checkout line at Safeway is or isn't—come meet your dyke neighbors at today's potluck brunch, noon-3 pm. Info/location: (510) 528-9026.

Midnight Squares invite lesbians & gay men for an advanced-level square dance with caller Bill Eyler of Albuquerque, New Mexico. 4-6:30 pm, $4. Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St at 18th, SF. Info: 861-5131 or Claire 861-5631 or Roger 664-0513.

Eat Music open music jam at Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space, with delicious homemade soup & bread. Bring musical instruments of any kind. 4-7 pm. 4035 18th St, SF.

Peace Corps Reunion: lesbian/gay Bay Area returned Peace Corps volunteers meet for potluck, 4-9 pm. Info: Wayne (415) 626-1940 or John (510) 655-5574.

Whiptail Lizard Womyn's Collective meets 7 pm at 4035 18th St, SF. Create urban women's land. All women welcome.

Physical & Spiritual Transformation thru Tibetan Medicine: An evening with Dr Trogawa, Rinpoche. Dr Trogawa will address a number of topics of widespread interest, possibly including HIV/AIDS, working with the mind to promote mental & physical well-being, the death process, the after death (bardo) experience and working with the terminally ill. 7:30 pm. $15 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Spons by the Gay Buddhist Fraternity of SF & SF Dharmadhatu. 1630 Taraval St nr 26th Ave, SF.

NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig as I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26.

Swimming Pass Kansas: Native/Tourist/Other—A queer little reading with Lisa Kahaleole Chang Hall, J. Kehaulani Kauanui, Carolyn Leilani Lau, Anna Fajardo, Elsa Eder, Lisa Asagi & Justin Chin, introducing Carol Cheh & Karen Tse. "Swimming Pass Kansas" is the first installment of the "Art for Aliens in the Age of Smuggling" series spons by Art Buffalo. 8 pm, $5-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 848 Community Artspace, 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info/res: 552-6542.

At Freight & Salvage: Bluegrass/country folk with *Sugarbeat*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orquesta Azucar y Crema*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Club Confidential at Paula's Clubhouse, hosted by Stafford and Justin Bond. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

AUG 30 / MON

Pier Paolo Pasolini retrospective continues at the Castro Theatre (see 7/29). Today's schedule: 6 & 10 pm, *Pigsty* (1969); 8 pm, *Medea* (1970).

Lesbian Relationships Class: Last day to register for Lindy McKnight's popular City College class, "Issues in Lesbian Relationships". Class meets 16 Mon eves at Everett Middle School, 17th St at Church, SF. 6:30-9:30 pm. Info: 239-3543.

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm tonight & 9/6 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Soul pop singer/songwriter Greta Rose in a multimedia solo performance at Above Brainwash Theater, 1122 Folsom St, SF. 9 pm, $5, tonight thru 9/1.

Veronica Klaus Blues & Soul Revue at Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF. 9:30 pm. $2. Info: 861-5016.

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AUG 31 / TUE

Full Moon Hike at Marin Hike & Bike Club: Meet 6:30 pm in the parking lot at the end of Tennessee Valley Road in Mill Valley for a moonlight walk to the beach. Bring snack & warm clothes. Info: 388-6505.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Chicano actor/model Phillip Barragan. 7 pm, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

At Cody's Books: Editor Claude F Whitmyer and a panel of contributors discuss *In the Company of Others: Making Community in the Modern World*. Panelists discuss several different kinds of communities and community groups including addiction recovery groups, intellectual salons, spiritual communities, artists' grous, AIDS and cancer survivor groups and others. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"Jesus & Buddha: A Comparison," Edmond Boles, co-founder of Amron Metaphysical Center, presents a comparison of two great avatars. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm tonight & 9/7 at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Justin Chin in "And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept," the companion piece to his recent work, "Somewhere Fudging." Hard-edged & raw, a savage meditation on sex, death, insects, survival & betrayal, from a young queer Asian perspective. 8 pm, $8 at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Final performance! Info/res: 861-7933.

Swing/honky-tonk/bluegrass at Freight & Salvage with *Ranch Romance*. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Women's Country Western Dance meets in the Eastbay tonight & 9/7 at 8:30 pm. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

SEP 1 / WED

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Today's topic: Older Men with Younger Men. For time & other info call 626-7000. Led by George Birimisa.

Registration begins today for Impact, a workshop for HIV positive people (8 Mon eves, beginning 10/4). Each session covers a single topic (business, medical & personal decisions, etc). Enrollment limited to 12, two scholarships offered. SL fee. Held in home of certified HIV counselor, Berkeley PhD. Near BART. Info/reg: (510) 548-9854.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: UK writer David Wingrove, author of the popular Chung Kuo series, signs volume 4, *The Stone Within*. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) THE-DARK.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Road to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens and Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet in parking lot at 6:45 pm. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm: Come meet other bi women, share experiences in an informal setting. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

SF Hiking Club monthly meeting & social, 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, on Collingwood near 18th St, SF (next to Cala market, one block west of Castro).

Project Inform Intro Town Mtg, 7:30 pm. Get overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring & treatment strategy. Geared to both the HIV positive & general audience. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 558-9051.

NY performer John S Patterson in "Nefertiti, the Pyramid Queen or Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig As I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26 listing for details.

At Faster Pussycats! alternative club for cool cats of all persuasions: Miriam Apparitions' going away party, with live appearance by *Twinkie Defence*. $3 'til 10 pm, $4 after. 3160 16th St bet Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

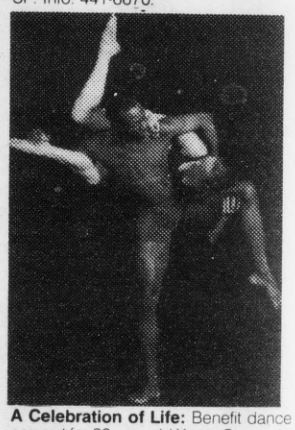
SEP 2 / THU

Fenton Johnson & Mary Gaitskill read & discuss their work at 1:30 pm in the de Bellis Collection, SF State University Leonard Library (6th fl). 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Johnson's newest novel is *Scissors, Paper, Rock*, Gaitskill is the author of two books, *Bad Behavior* and *Two Girls Fat & Thin*. Spons by The Poetry Center.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Publication party for two of the biggest "best of" anthologies of the year—*The Year's Best Science Fiction* and *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror*. Meet editors Gardner Dozois & Ellen Datlow, plus dozens of contributing authors. 5-8 pm. Info: (510) THE-DARK. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley.

Miniature Golf Night with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. 6:30 pm at Golfland at El Camino & Wolfe in Sunnyvale. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Science Fiction Panel with preeminent sci-fi authors at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books helps kick off the 51st World Science Fiction Convention taking place in SF (at Moscone Center, thru 9/6) this week. 6:30 pm. Panelists include: Gregory Benford, David Brin, Kim Stanley Robinson, Connie Willis and artist Michael Whelan. Moderator Christy Pascoe. Panelists discuss their work and the state of the genre. Free. Everyone welcome! Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.



A Celebration of Life: Benefit dance concert for 26 year old Keren Stronach, recently diagnosed with leukemia. All proceeds go toward covering the cost of a bone marrow transplant. Performers include: Tami Tronach, dancer/choreographer & sister of Keren, with dancers from ODC and the Joe Goode Company, Alonzo King/Lines Contemporary Ballet, SQUAD (Katherine Sharpe & Diane Shileds), Isadora Duncan Tradition Dancers, Liz Ozol, Julia Lowe, plus other artists & musicians. 8 m, $20. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, Marina Blvd & Buchanan, SF. Tix available at door, starting at 7 pm. Info: (510) 524-1051.

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Open Mike for Women Survivors of Traumatic Abuse: Come tell your story thru poetry, journals, narrative, movement, visual art or performance. 7 pm, $3. Women only. Safe, supportive place to share your work. Ongoing event, occurs 1st Thurs of each month. Reservations suggested. Info: (510) 428-9684.

The Best Defense is a Cultural Offense: Panel discussion spons by SF Art Institute. "Often the best defense against social marginalization is a cultural offense. A culture that proactively asserts its own development is a culture that best defends itself against prejudice, divisiveness, fear & isolation," this is the theme of tonight's discussion featuring panelists Toni Lane, owner of the Ethnic Trip Gallery; Les Pappas of the SF AIDS Foundation; Sebastiana Pastor of the Clarion Alley Mural Project; Susan Werner of St Mary's Center and members of the Filippino artist's group, DIWA. Discussion moderated by Chris Robbins, chair of SFAI's Artists Committee. 7:30 pm, free. Lecture Hall, SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author

of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* speaks on "Sex & Psychic Energy: Lessons in the 90s" at Ft Mason Center, Firehouse Room, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible.

NY Performer John S Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig As I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26.

The Edge Basket Contest, a benefit for AIDS Emergency Fund. Emcee Danny Williams, plus guest Empress Marlena, celebrity judges, a beer blast and a raffle with great prizes! Winner of the basket contest receives $100 and a photo session with SF photographer Kelly Neal. Beer bust 8 pm-midnight, contest at 10 pm. Tix $6 for all the beer & soda you can drink, $1 each raffle ticket (you need not be present to win). At The Edge, 4149 18th St at Collingwood, SF. Info: 863-4027.

Just A Stage Improv Comedy Group: SF's premiere queer comedy improv group present "Another Gag" at Above Brainwash Theater, 1126 Folsom St at 7th, SF. Night of hilarious improvised comedy skits. 8:30 pm, $5.

SEP 3 / F R I

Eckankar, the religion of light & sound, presents a seminar today thru 9/6 at the Santa Clara Marriott. Seminar includes workshops and talks on the spiritual understanding to be gained from being gay/lesbian/bisexual in this lifetime. For info call (408) 257-4888 mailbox 62.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: 3-5 pm: Baen Books Party—Five rarely seen authors—George RR Martin (Wildcard novels), Ellen Guon (*Bedlam Boyz*), John Moore, Rick Cook, Thomas T Thomas sign their work. 6-8 pm: Abyss Horror Party—meet the editor of the acclaimed Abyss line, Jeanne Cavellos, and several of her authors, including JM Dillard, Dale Hoover and Kristine Kathryn Rusch. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Ashby BART. Info: (510) THE-DARK.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, see 8/27.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Just Say No to Real Jobs!" a powerful & provocative evening on the joys of right livelihood. Stefan Smith, BBA, MSU with 30 years experience in vocational research & career transition, design & development, discusses how to turn an avocation into a vocation, have more fun in your present position, or go about a job or career change. Come learn how what brings you joy can bring you abundance. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Club Desire in Santa Cruz: Hot hot eve of erotica, dancers & strippers—a girl thing, a boy thing, everyone is welcome! Spons by *Inciting Desire* 'zine. Event includes sex toys demo, condom co-op. $3 cover. 923 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 425-3303.

NY Performer John S Patterson in "Nefertiti the Pyramid Queen or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig As I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26 listing for details.

Two of SF's funniest dykes, Liz Olson & Suzy Berger, team up for a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. 10 pm, $10.

Dancing at the Brick House until 2 am, with SF's popular DJ Chris C. Drink specials all night. 1190 Folsom St. at 8th.

SEP 4 / S A T

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High St exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St west toward Alameda to Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

3rd Annual Festival of the Babes: A 7-side soccer tournament & celebration for lesbians (or any women willing to be mistaken for one). Today & tmw in SF. Participants at every level of play are welcome! Players may register as teams or individuals. Over 24 teams are registered for FOB III (in previous years, players have come from several states as well as Canada & Germany. For info call: Alexa Wilkie (510) 655-6750 or Amy Hutto (510) 601-6729.

Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible and medicinal plants that grow wild in this area. An intro to wildcrafting, plant lore and botanical pharmacology; also get recipes for teas and wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing with nature as the classroom. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions ofplants thru taste & smell as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Meet 10:30 am at Roosevelt & Museum Way, near Randall Junior Museum. Dress warmly. Rain cancels. Info: (510) 845-4028. $5-11 SL fee.

A La Carte, A La Park: 9th annual Labor Day extravaganza of fine food, music & wine at Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park. Today thru 9/6, 11 am-6 pm. The City's largest annual outdoor dining event features a wide diversity of food & wine from over 50 selected restaurants, celebrity chefs & 20 Sonoma wineries; plus top musical entertainment by national & Bay Area stars including Ruth Brown, Zachary Richard, Eddie Harris & Les McCann, Peter White, Andy Narell, Strunz & Farah, Maria Muldaur & band, Norton Buffalo, Quintessence, Pete Escovedo, Chris Cain Blues Band and the Gospel Hummingbirds. Tix: $6.50 gen'l, $5 srs, kids under 12 are free. Food & beverages are priced from 50 cents to $5, entertainment & chef demos are included in the admission price. Info: Events West 383-9378. Proceeds benefit the SF Shakespeare Festival. Come grab your blanket & head to the park for 3 days of food & fun!

Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space: Pool, music & women, noon-11 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free alternative dyke space.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm today & 9/18. Info/location: Betty 479-6643.

Labor Day Afternoon Show at El Rio with *Malibu Barbi, Tribe 8* & others. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AGUILAS, gay Latino organization, potluck general meeting: 6-9 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Info: 648-3702.

Epicenter Women's Outreach Koalition (EWOK) spons a women's community outreach event for women involved in the DIY (Do It Yourself) scene, including bands, 'zines, club bookers, comic artists, small press, performance artists & direct action organizations. 8:30 pm show with music and spoken word by Wendy O'Matik, Terry Weist & Ayn Imperatu at Epicenter Zone, 475 Valencia St, SF. Info: Epicenter 431-2725.

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Tripping Over Our Roots. Lesbian Pulp Novels of the '50s," a slideshow presentation at Whiptail Lizard Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. 8 pm, $3-6 SL donation.

End of summer KlubstiHootenanny at Klubstitute with dyke-a-billy band *The BuckTooth Varmints*—Arturo as Patsy Cline, Elvis Herselvis' kissin' cousin, David Sadie Hawkins; and Henry's Hayride. Come square dance the night away (free lessons for all you city slickers). DJs Remix & Cheese. At Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Silverman, Doug Holsclaw & Derrick Richardson. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Girl Spot *Women's Dance Club, featuring DJ Aaron O. Packed. Get there early. 6th & Harrison Sts.*

Healing for Adoptees. Meet others and gain an introduction to the healing and transformational work of Amy Jane Cheney. FREE. Call to register: 647-1492.

SEP 5 / S U N

Festival of the Babes III: See 9/4 listing for details. Final day!

Stawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible and medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Walk is an intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology and recipes for making teas & wild foods. Learn the basics of holistic healing. Walk emphasizes the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Rain cancels. Meet 10:30 am at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail Head, below UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens, on Centennial Drive. Call (510) 845-4028 for directions and more info.

A La Carte, A La Park : Annual food, music & fun fundraiser at Golden Gate Park, see 9/4.

Find Meaning Now: Where are you in the journey of your life? Do you like the direction you're going? Explore personal myth & autobiography as healing tools, discover skills to tap unconscious images, dreams & wisdom. 1-4 pm, $10, free for PWAs. Space limited. SF location. Call for info/res: 252-9085.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Keith Hatfield & Romeo L'Heureux host a round robin discussion on various topics. Bring a pen & paper for taking notes. Also contributions (toiletries, food staples, soups, brown rice, etc—but no perishables, please) accepted for the AIDS Food Bank. Info: 552-1997.

Safer Sex Sluts whip it good at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. Live music, performance, food. Benefit to send SF activists to the 7th Int'l Women's Health Conference in Uganda. 4-8 pm, $5-5000 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 4035 18th St, SF.

Epicenter Women's Outreach Koalition (EWOK) present "Women & Politics," a event featuring various organizations (American Indian AIDS Institute, Gray Panthers, Animals for Animals, Food Not Bombs, battered women's shelters, unions, etc) plus screening of films by women. A women's community outreach event. 11 am-7 pm. 475 Valencia St, SF. Info: Epicenter Zone 431-2725.

Erotic Sci-Fi at Good Vibrations: Author Cecelia Tan reads from her work *Telepaths Don't Need Safe Words*, a collection of stories presenting the erotic edge of sf/fantasy, in a leathersex milieu. 8 pm. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Presentation scheduled to coincide with World Con 1994, a science fiction convention held Labor Day weekend at Moscone Center, SF. Info: 974-8980.

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Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Club Skirts at its new location, Club Oasis, at 11th & Folsom. Two rooms, two DJs—hot women's event.

SEP 6 / M O N

Women's Health Issues Day at Epicenter Zone: Day devoted to issues ranging from menstruation and sexual assault to safe sex. Speakers include sex educator Carol Queen, June Covington (executive director of the Mission-based Healing Kidz, Inc) and Nina Jo Smith (coordinator of SF State's SAFE Place). 9 pm vegetarian/vegan potluck. All events are women-only. Spons by Epicenter Women's Outreach Koalition (EWOK). Info: 431-2725. 475 Valencia St, SF.

A La Carte, A La Park, annual food & fun fundraiser at Golden Gate Park—final day! See 9/4.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Artist Roger Dean signs *Views* and discusses his career. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Ashby BART. Info: (510) THE-DARK.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 8/30.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm. Topic: Aloneness vs Loneliness. Group focuses on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religous traditions. The Parsonage. 555A Castro St. SF. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mimi Freed. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. Info: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

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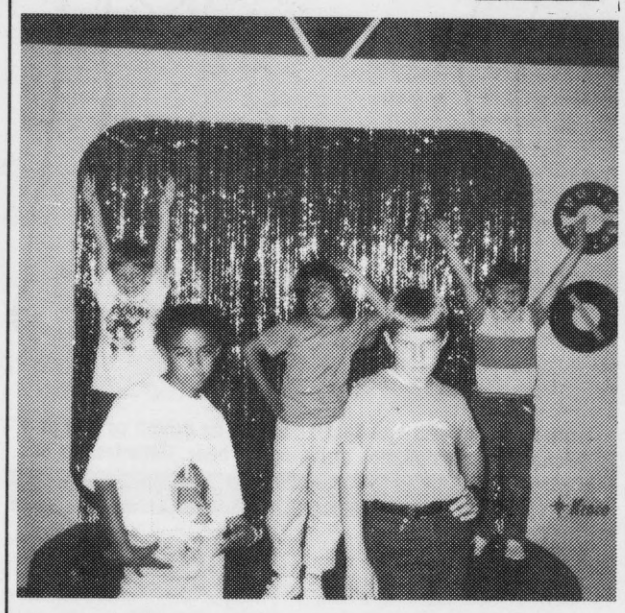

The Artfull Circle Theatre is now accepting applications for its fall program for Bay Area kids and teens. See below for info.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in September:** $3-4 per person. 9/4—**Flip Flop Collage** with Dennis Treanor. Use glue paper, maps & photos to create colorful art. 9/11—**Paper Quilts** with Leslie Yee Murata. Make amazing quilt patterns using simple strips of paper. 9/18—**Land of the Lost**, with Julie Willard. Learn about Tyrannosauruses, Triceratops & Pteradactyls, make a dinosaur craft to take home. 9/25—**Wood Sculpture Assemblage** with Chris Boettcher. Create fanciful wood sculptures by hot gluing odd-shaped pieces of wood from our abundant scrap chest. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore: 8/28 at 3 pm. Storyteller Elizabeth Summers reads stories, folktales & legends for and about children from around the world, in celebration of cultural diversity. 888 Valencia St btwn 19th & 20th, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Children's Story Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: 9/18 at 1 pm, free. For kids ages 4 & older. Diana de Regnier uses stories, songs & other surprises to encourage children to indulge in the special joy, wisdom & creativity of childhood. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

Artfull Circle Theatre Fall program for Bay Area youth: Program explores the magic of theatre via theatre games, scene studies, choreographed movement, dance, mime & singing. Sessions held in Artfull Circle Theatre, a multifaceted wonderland located at 47 Waller St, SF. Sessions meet 3 times per week, students may take 1-3 classes per week. Fees start at $15 monthly. Call Robert Gardner 621-7305 for info/brochure.

Grandparents/Seniors Days at Marine World: 9/1-10/31. All grandparents and seniors over age 60 get an additional $5 off the senior discount tix price, addt'l discounts for family members & friends are also available. Highlights for Sept & Oct include "Dinosaurs! A Prehistoric Adventure," "The Incredible Acrobats of China," and "Water Ski & Boat Show." Hrs: Daily, 9:30 am-6:30 pm, beginning 9/8; hours change to Wed-Sun, 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Gen'l admission: $23.95, $16.95 for kids ages 4-12, free for tots age 3 and under. Grandparents & seniors special rate is $14.95 (adv reg required). Info: (707) 644-4000.

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SEP 7 / T U E

"Working with Angels," Andrew Bozeman introduces his workshop on the history & current reality of angels in your world. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Embracing Our Pride: 4-week support/study series for lesbians working on self esteem issues, body affirmation & sisterhood. Lesbians share our stories and the stories & art of gifted lesbians who enrich our culture. Participants encouraged to bring their own poetry, music & art to share. Group meets Tues, 7-8:30 pm, thru 9/28. Facilitated by Melissa Wyer, MD and Ruth Frost. Adv reg required, for info call Voice & Vision 553-4026.

Sandra Bernhard, controversial actress, comic, singer & author, reads from her second book, *Love, Love and Love*, a mix of "memoir, fiction & invented memoir" at Cody's Bookstore, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 7 pm. Info: (510) 846-7852.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by special guest model. 7 pm, 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Women's Country Western Dance in the Eastbay, see 8/31.

Physiology for the Holistic Healthcare Practitioner. Class offered by Pacific School of Herbal Medicine. Oriented toward the student and practitioner of holistic or alternative health care, class gives a clear understanding of human physiology, the dynamic interrelationship of the body systems & their working in health & disease; communication skills for use with clients & other medical professionals; an understanding of individual patterns of health, disease & recovery. Curriculum fulfills state requirement for acupuncture license. Class runs Tues eves, 7-10 pm, 9/7 thru 12/14; $216-372 SL. Info/reg: (510) 845-4028.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Double-bill with poet Eileen Myles and author Annette Weathers. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at 7:30 pm, see 8/31.

Eric Michael Gillet, Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus' singing ringmaster, presents his cabaret show, "For the Heart," at Josie's tonight—an evening of romance, warmth & wit—one night only! 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

SEP 8 / W E D

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Call Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579 for details.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info: Ingrid 775-2620.

The Thirst for Wholeness: Author Christina Grof, leader in the transpersonal psychology movement, discusses her newest book, *The Thirst for Wholeness: Attachment, Addiction & the Spiritual Path*, a book examining addiction & the roots of loneliness & spiritual longing. 7:30 pm, free. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Talk Dirty to Me Wkshop at Good Vibrations: Carol Queen, Bay Area erotic writer & former peep show worker, and Mr D Right, world-class sexy talker, team up to facilitate this workshop for people who want to feel more comfortable & creative talking in bed, on the phone or in any sexually arousing situation. Supportive, low-pressure class. Singles & couples with tongue-tied streaks are welcome! 8 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Info/reg: 974-8981. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Suzy Berger, Scott Silverman & Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm, $10. 3563 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Faster Pussycat! Club: A '60s & '70s Pajama Party—Downtown's Virgo Birthday Bash starring Peter Stack and *Big Drag City*. Come in your PJs for 2 for 1 special, Virgos get in free! $3 'til 10 pm, $4 after. 3160 16th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

SEP 9 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 9/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at the MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649. Topic: Hidden Agendas. All women welcome!

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At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Author Ronnie Gilbert reads from her book *Ronnie Gilbert on Mother Jones*, the basis for her one-woman musical piece on the life of the legendary American labor agitator. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

San Antonio gay performer Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in "The Bible Belt and other accessories," a sequel to last year's hit "The Talk of the Town." Frank & funny tale of one queer's coming of age in small town Texas. Johnny, the irrepressible small town sissy boy is now 16 and ready, with the help of his friends, to confront the bible thumpers with his own brand of hell-raising. Show runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/12. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum, author of *Black Madonnas, Feminism, Religion & Politics* discusses her book, a study of the beliefs & observances surrounding the dark goddess of Italy, and the relationship between these ancient rituals and contemporary Italian liberation theology. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675. $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices series, no one turned away for lack of funds.

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galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "General Idea's Fin de Siecle," This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs thru 9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Sharks! Fact & Fantasy," interactive, life-size displays on exhibit thru 9/5. "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End," thru 9/19. "Alphabets, Bobbins & Crossstich: Samplers & Needlework Tools from the Collections of the Oakland Museum," exhibit features various types of samplers—embroidery, needlepoint, crewel & tambour work, knitting, darning, crochet, tatting and lace—that were part of a young girl's preparation for her domestic role from Colonial times thru the Industrial Revolution; on exhibit 9/18-1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3948.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: Hrs: Sun-Wed, 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info:202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Eadweard Muybridge & the Photographic Panorama of SF, 1850-1880," on exhibit 9/1-10/24. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: "Architects & Passages," exhibit of paintings, mixed media sculptures & furniture as functional forms. Work by John Aganon, Doug Burch, Sofanya and Lewis & Gallagher. On exhibit thru August. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Art Attack Gallery: "The Year of the Cock: Erotic Art," exhibit of provocative & engaging art bringing together a wide array of contemporary expressions of eroticism. 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

Art Rock Gallery: "The Next Generation," an exhibit of neopsychedelic art by Mike Dubois, MIKIO and William Giese. Thru 9/11. 1153 Mission St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm Tues-Sat. Info: 255-7390.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Christensen Heller Gallery: Sculpture by Robert Van Norman. Thru 8/29. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery. "The Bizen Sonata," 90-piece multicultural & multimedia exhibit of Pacific Rim Art, directed by Dr Ronald Phillip Tanaka. On exhibit thru 9/26. Hrs: noon-5 pm daily and in the evenings during performances at the Cowell Theater. Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

The Clay Studio: Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

E'space Gallery: "Evidence," recent works by LA artists Tom Dolan and Kevin White, on exhibit 9/4-26, opening reception 9/4, 7-10 pm. Opening reception 9/4, 7-10 pm, closing reception 9/26, 7-10 pm. 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

Gallery on the Rim: Paintings, drawings & poetry by Eileen Baker on exhibit 9/1-28, artist's reception 9/12, 2-5 pm. "A Sentimental Journey," works on paper & canvas by Andre Martens, on exhibit 10/1-14, opening reception 10/1, 5:30-8:30 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Ghia Gallery: "Behold Her: Exploring Female Body Image & Beauty," exhibit presented by The Beauty Project, a group of women artists exploring female issues of body image, beauty & aging. Exhibit includes works by Emily Duffy, Melissa Ehrenreich, Joanna Katz, Ines Kramer, Loir Kossowsky, Liz Maxwell, Patricia Montgomery, Barbara Morris, Teresa Smith, Kerry Vandermeer & Lorraine Weglarz. Exhibit runs 9/10-10/30, opening reception 9/10, 7-9 pm, artists' talk 10/1 at 7 pm. 2648 3rd St at 23rd, SF. Info: 282-2832.

John Francis Studio Gallery: "The Transformed World of Zoravia Bettiol," exhibit of works by Brazilian artist Zoravia Bettiol. On exhibit thru 8/31. 580 York St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-4 pm. Info: 864-0280.

John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "Spur," an audio installation by Ed Osborn, part of "Earshot," a series of sound and sight works. Opening reception 9/1, 5:30-7:30 pm, exhibit runs thru 10/2. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Cultural Void," mixed media sculpture by Shawn Weber and paintings & sculpture by Craig Bono, on exhibit thru 9/5. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 1-5 pm, and by appt. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Robert Dana Gallery: "Serendipitious Landscapes" work by Italian artist Giovanni Mancini, on exhibit thru 9/10-10/3, opening reception 9/10, 6-8 pm. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Nina Glaser: New York," photos of nudes exploring universal themes of life, death, love & alienation; on exhibit 9/9-10/23. "Tom Marioni: Color Photograms," on exhibit 9/9-10/23. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: Exhibit of works by Bruce Cannon, Brian Goggin, Perry Hu & Jeffrey Sully; thru 9/4. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "said things," an investigation of oral traditions & storytelling in our hybridized society, by Ann Chamberlain and "genealogical bewilderment," an installation by Kim Yasuda examining adoptee issues. Both exhibits run 9/9-10/9, opening reception 9/10, 6-8 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; thru 8/29. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; thru 8/29. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Baby Want Sauce," paintings by Aubin Crowell & Kristin Calabrese, on exhibit at Diego Rivera Gallery, 8/29-9/4. Artists' reception 9/3, 7-10 pm with musical guests *Spanking Violets*. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 882-9319.

University Art Museum: "Gertrude Jekyll: Private Gardens, Vanishing Arts," thru 9/19 at Theater Gallery. Several garden tours plus film screening & lectures to be held in conjunction with this exhibit, please call for details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: Selection of photographs by Robert Dawson from his "Mono Lake Series," "The Great Central Valley Project," and "The Water in the West Project," 9/2-10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. Photos by Oliva Parker, on exhibit 9/2-10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. "The Big Picture," a group show, 9/2-10/23, opening reception 9/9, 6-8 pm. Photos by Harry Callahan on exhibit thru 8/28. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "What's New?" exhibit of works by 40 artists from SF & NY galleries. Runs thru 9/18. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: "Biomorphic Fantasies II," solo exhibit by Glenn Hirsch, on exhibit thru 8/28. JoeSam solo exhibit, mixed media & sculpture on exhibit 8/31-10/9, opening reception 9/2, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Mole Gallery: Hrs: 4 pm-2 am. 3286 22nd St at Valencia, SF. Info: 553-8982.

Morphos Gallery: "Mobility," an installation by Elliott Linwood, thru 9/15. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Issues & Objects: Northern California Craft in the 1990s," on exhibit thru 9/12. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

"To Excess," an abundant multimedia spectacle of indulgence—art exhibit produced by HOMOture, an SF-based queer 'zine. Features work by Danielle Abrams, Mike Blockstein, Keith Carollo, Charles Goldman, Edward Berrones & Mark Huckabay, Josephine Huang, Charles Linder, Jim Lucio, Tracy Miller, GiGi Julia Rossman, Simone Shubuck, Suzanne St John and Mungo Thomson. A limited edition book, *Placebo*, will be available on day of the opening (only), 8/28, 1-5 pm. Opening reception features performances by Danielle Abrams, Suzanne St John & Keith Carollo, starting at 3 pm. Exhibit runs thru 9/11 at the Victoria Room 180 6th St, SF. Info: 431-4963.

Belcher Street Installation: Works by six artists exploring the human body. Info: Anthony Manglicmot 626-8917 or Mark Brest van Kempen 771-8715.

"Women En Large," exhibit of nude photos by Laurie T. Edison, on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru 9/31. Opening reception 8/29, 5-7 pm. Info: 974-8980.

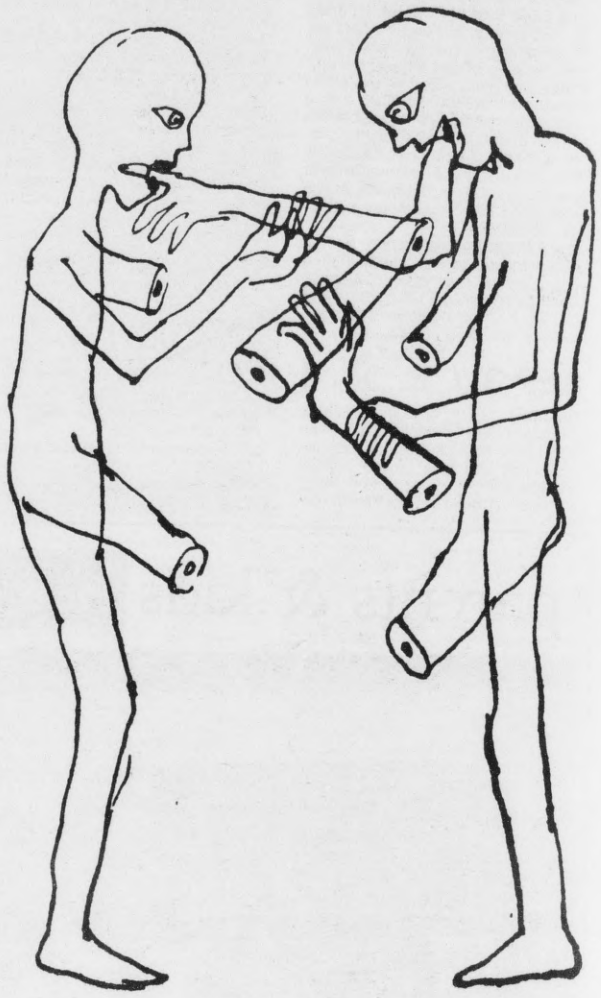
"The Intense Warmth of Brazil," an exhibit of 17 color photographs by David Whitman, focusing on the children & young adults he met during recent visits to the states of Bahia and Rio de Janeiro. Thru 11/1 at The Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley (across from UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall).

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

"Los Hermanos Gonzalez Chavajay Mariano & Matias," narrative genre oil paintings by two Tz'utujil-Maya artists from Guatemala, on exhibit thru 9/6 at Cafe Nidal, 2491 Mission St, SF. Info: 285-4334.

"Super Feature," new works in acrylic, silk-screen on paper, canvas & wood by Jim Winters, on exhibit at Kiki, 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Thru 9/4. Info: 863-KIKI.

Paintings by John LeFlore on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF, thru 8/30 and at RJ Fine Foods, 1609 Polk St, SF thru 8/30. Info: 567-6091.



Work by Mark Brest Van Kempen will be on exhibit as part of a Belcher Street installation exploring the body. Galleries has info.

on stage

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 10/3. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Play about growing up gay in Appalachia. Humorous, poetic & intimate story of one rural family's clashes with issues of identity, single motherhood & homosexuality. Eastenders Repertory production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 8/26-9/19 (no performance on 8/29) at Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $13 Fri & Sat. Info/res: (510) 841-6510.

On Sight (in Sausalito) by Chris Hardman & Ron Davis. Unusual walk-thru theatrical performance takes audience members on a participatory "time-traveling" tour using the entire town of Sausalito as its stage. Audience members wear portable radio receiver headsets & hear a montage of interviews, sound effects & music. Masks, giant puppets, performance sculpture, video & interactive audio technology also used. Antenna Theater production. Runs thru 9/11 at Sausalito City Hall parking lot, 420 Litho St (2 blocks west of Bridgeway), Sausalito. Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm. Tix $15. Adv res required. Info/res: 331-8512.

Bewitched, the Play. Show brings modern themes into the hexy TV series, bringing "Bewitched" into the '90s. Darrin constantly torments Samantha about expressing her natural self, but Samantha finally takes back some power. Neptune productions. Play runs thru 9/28 at 8 pm at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

The Cereal Killers, a rock opera written by D'Arcy Drollinger. Pop trio Enrique stars in the world premiere of this rock opera, described as "the Rocky Horror Show meets Bye Bye Birdie." The plot centers around Junior Jones, a lonely adolescent whose only companions are his estranged mother and his 24" color TV set. His life changes when he enters a TV contest and is thrust into the surreal world of television. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, with a special midnight show on Fri, thru 9/21. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St at Octavia, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-5455.

Play On by Rick Abbott. Madcap farce about a community group trying to put on a newly written play. Art Rise Studio Theatre production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 9/4, Sun matinee at 2 pm on 8/29. Art Rise Studio Theatre, 753 Del Monte Ave, South San Francisco. Tix $15 opening, $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 873-2442.

Down the Road by Lee Blessing. A haunting, poetic & powerful drama about an incarcerated psychopath who ensnares two biographers into exploiting his story. Encore Theatre Company production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 9/5. Tix $15-21. Info/res: 567-6076.

Quartermaine's Terms by Simon Gray. Play follows the varying fortunes of the students & staff of a school teaching English to foreign students during the '60s. Chamber Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 9/19. Tix $15 gen'l, $13 Sundays. Phoenix Theatre, 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 931-6011.

Loverguys, three funny, sexy one-on-one-acts about love, sex, marriage and other acts of terrorism, by Ricardo Garufi ("Honeymoon Suite"), David Demchuk ("Touch") and Christopher Wiley ("An Appointment with Mr Hugo"). Theatre Rhinoceros production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 9/19 at Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel. Tony Award-winning drama set in Ireland in the summer of 1936: Change is in the air—electricity is newly available, a wayward father comes to call, a priestly uncle returns from the heart of tribal Africa somewhat altered, and the Mundy sisters dance to all kinds of music on their new radio. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Play previews 9/3-7, opens 9/8, at 8 pm; runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinee at 2 pm on 9/11, 25 & 10/9, Thurs matinee at 2 pm on 9/16 & 30 & 10/14. Play closes 10/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Ask Me How I Feel by Amy Marshak. A look at family & relational dysfunction from the viewpoint of a young person. Play invites the audience to ask & tell how they feel, along with the onstage cast. Human Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 9/5. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St at Folsom, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-9196.

Playboy of the Western World by JM Synge. One of the masterpieces of Irish theatre, first performed in 1907 (resulting in an audience riot), play is a great comic brawl, relating the story of Playboy's passage to manhood & the miraculous scrapes he maneuvers along the way. Tour de Force Theatre Co. Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St, SF. Previews 8/21 at 2:30 pm & 8/23 at 8 pm; opens 8/28 & runs 2:30 and 8 pm on Mon thru 9/27. Tix $15 includes one beverage. The Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St, SF.

Eleemosynary by Lee Blessing. A funny, haunting play, the story of three archetypal women, their generational conflicts & the mythic forces that unite them. Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 9/9-10/2. Tix $9.95. Info/res: 267-7616.

Shakespeare Under the Stars: Marin Shakespeare Company produces another night of theater under the stars at Forest Meadows. "The Tempest," runs thru 9/19—Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm. Info/res: 456-8104. Tix $15 gen'l, stdnts & srs $12.

Josephine, new musical on the life of Josephine Baker, the scandalous Follies delight, courier for the French Resistance and controversial civil rights champion; by Walter Marks & Ernest Kinoy. TheatreWorks production. Runs thru 9/5 at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Tix $12-24. Info/res: 903-6000.

Crazy for You, Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical, a 1930s fast-paced play in Broadway's boy-gets-girl tradition, with everyone in love with the wrong person. Play runs 9/8-10/16 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St (Market & Golden Gate Ave), SF. Info/res: (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

The White Devil by John Webster. Satiric tragedy written in 1610. This production is set in the 1920s, centering around a sexy, murky world of deception, intrigue & murder. Play runs Thurs-Sat, 9/2-25 at 8 pm. Play is the final production by Bindlestiff Productions, the acclaimed local theatre group. Bindlestiff is closing due to financial difficulties brought on by the prolonged recession. Bindlestiff Theatre, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 974-1167.

Candide. Leonard Bernstein's masterpiece based on Voltaire's classic satire of mindless optimism. Diablo Light Opera Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 9/3-10/9. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Skirts, all-female comedy team (Giovanka Steele, Liz White, Andrea Leigh & Juliette Marshall) runs 8/26-29 at 8:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides night-time emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives. Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake,

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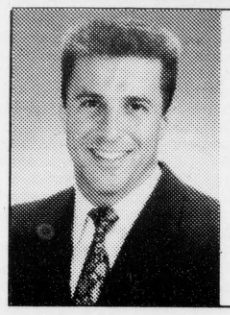

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AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers. Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877.

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif. (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

Carol Leigh and Dee Russell will perform at a benefit for the Women's Choice Clinic on Aug. 28. See Calendar date for details.

Photo by Jan Weaver

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project. For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm, 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council; 1840 Sutter St. Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.
Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.
ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.
HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.
HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.
HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.
Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.
UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.
AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.
St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.
Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.
Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.
The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.
Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.
Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.
Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.
Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.
18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.
Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.
DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.
Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.
Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.
Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.
Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.
Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Dykes on Bikes Retrospective: Woman artist seeks photos or negatives documenting Dykes on Bikes from previous Gay Day parades for upcoming show. Info: 512-5788. Deadline 9/1.
Feminist/Womanist Writers Journal seeks entries from writers who support radical feminism, lesbian/womanist rights & community-building, re-instituting the matriarchy and changing sexist/racist language as a tool of empowerment. Journal to be launched in fall of 1993. For info/details: Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30.
Quuer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.
The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.
Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea

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Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.
New Gay Poets: Alyson Publications seeks submissions from gay male poets who have started publishing their work only during the last 5 years, for a forthcoming anthology. For guidelines send SASE to Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
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Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).
Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr:..nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.
The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.
Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.
Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.
Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.
Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.
Quicktricks. America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split male & female.
Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
Epicenter Switchboard: Free, non-profit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.
SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.
Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.
La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.
LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

9th Annual "A La Carte, A La Park," a celebration of fine food, music and wine, will be held Sept. 4-6 at Golden Gate Park. Check Calendar for details.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.
Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.
Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives. An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group. Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne. Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.
Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.
Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Non-biological Moms-to-Be Support Group: Non-facilitated. Informal group of women interested in discussion & support during insemination &/pregnancy. Call Melissa 346-8714.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St; SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.
Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonstrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.
LIPS. (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.
Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.
APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.
National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.
GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.
Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty

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► SENIORS

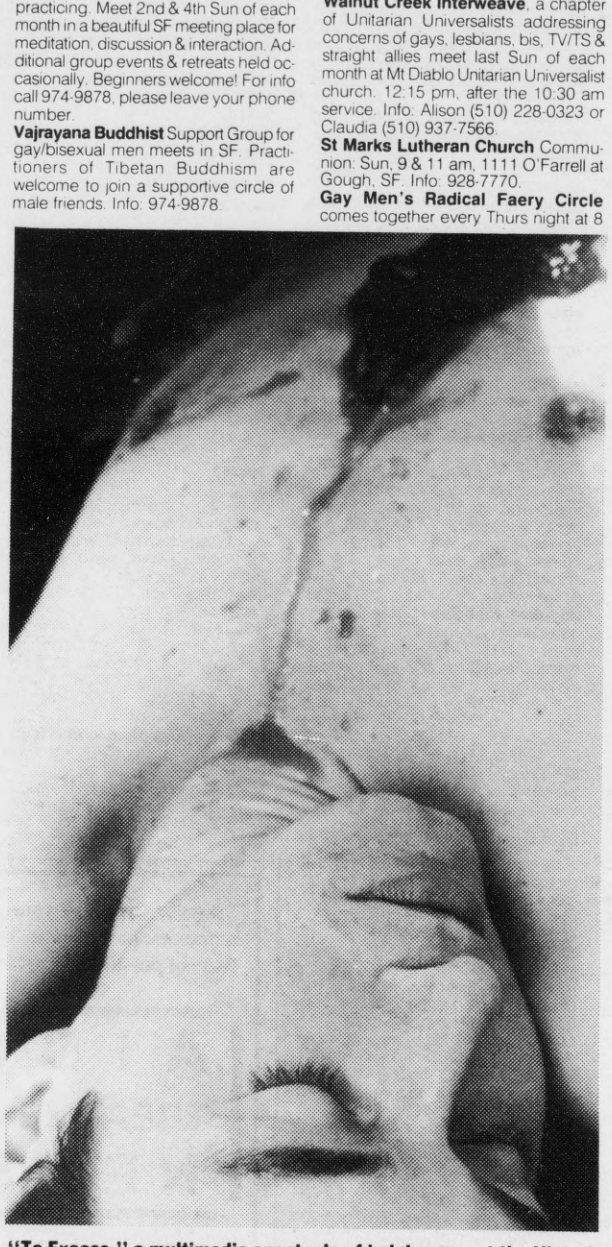
Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.
Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA). See Support Groups.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.
Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.
Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville. call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.
Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.
Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist: Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info (510) 531-5836.
Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.
Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.
Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis: a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.
Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1 vendredi du mois. Info: 621-0634.
Salon for all persuasions. Immerse mind & heart in casual yet activated discussions of substance. Meetings twice-monthly. All ages welcome. Info: Sheila 824-2468 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month, 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services. Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.



"To Excess," a multimedia spectacle of indulgence, at the Victoria Room. See Galleries for details. Photo by Mark Huckabay

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers, 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473, leave message for Janette.
Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay, Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.
Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.
J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.
Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.
Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist. Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church. An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.
St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service. Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area. Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.
Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.
Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339.
Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues

of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Rugby: Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

Eastbay Gay Men's Bowling Group: Meets 2nd Sun of every month at Mowry Lanes, 550 Mowry, Fremont, at 4 pm for no-stress bowling. Cost $8, includes 3 games & free shoe rental. All skill levels welcome! Info: Mark McClaughry (510) 797-6997 anytime before 9 pm.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior

Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women. Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month, SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

InsideOut, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call Rick 554-7630

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Veteran Chanteuse Wrings Triumph From Tragedy

President Clinton, Coco Chanel, Jill St. John, Myself, Flynn, Tipper Gore, my friend Joe, Alfred Hitchcock and my other friend Kevin all have one particular thing in common: our birthdays are the same day. Oh yeah, I almost forgot the lovely birthday girl I met coming out of the men's room at Eichelberger's in a bugle-bead gown and platinum Marilyn-esque hair on that Friday night as I celebrated my birthday. She was born the same year, too, but I'm 40 minutes older. If the inimitable Miss Kiki Derane hadn't announced our birthdays in the filled-to-capacity room I may never have had the pleasure of making this acquaintance, and if I hadn't decided on an evening at Eichelberger's to celebrate my birthday, I'd never have known the true glorious lounge-bound magic that is Kiki Derane and her accompanist Herb E. These characters, the brilliant creations of vocalist Justin Bond and the sexiest pianist ever, Ken Mellman, took the upstairs room at Eichelberger's by white trash storm. It's sort of the last thing you'd expect really—white trash in such casually elegant surroundings. Workers here treat their clientele with politeness and respect, a point that becomes much more important to those of us in our advanced years.

Speaking of advanced years, I'm certain Kiki doesn't ever give her age when asked, but one look at that gorgeous face tells you it has lit up many a room time and time again for decades. She's a woman of worldly experience, a performer's performer. So where does the white trash fit into this picture? Well, it's hard to believe that a pretty lady in a super-pretty dress lending her vocal all to the song "Flamingo" as the show opener could be anything but classy, and it was. However, it appeared to me that Kiki had gotten pretty loose at the bar beforehand, prompting her to deliver some highly personal between-song banter that ached with realism. Kiki's life has been an odd juxtaposition of trailer park trauma and jet set tragedy, not to mention motherhood, mastectomy, marriage and many celebrities. Her first long anecdote came up mid-song, regarding her unhappy second and third marriages to a lazy man who drove her to attack him with the steak knives she received—or rather requested—as a wedding gift. She never really broke his skin, just poked and poked and poked until the police took her away. How's that for white trash? Another true indication of these roots came when Kiki announced that her daughter Misty was in the audience. "I only get her one day a year so I have to cram a whole year's worth of motherhood into one day but we do all right, though, don't we darlin'? Her name isn't spelled with an 'i-s-t-y,' it's spelled 'Miss D,' because I don't want people gettin' too personal with my daughter." Later Kiki told us about her other daughter, Coco, who fell from a speedboat driven by some big star who I can't remember on the French Riviera; after an exhilarating high-speed ride, she turned around and little Coco was gone. "This one is for you, Coco honey."

I stayed for the entire three sets, my sides split with non-stop laughter over so many minute details. The song choices alone were completely hysterical, like David Bowie's "Space Oddity," delivered with an occasionally warbling vocal, just like the original, augmented by caricaturish lounge-singer moves and aggressively dramatic facial expressions. Herb E. shouted countdown in sync with the final verse. The song was introduced, "This song's by someone who I go back with a long ways, longer than I'd even care to talk about. He was so sweet and skinny, hanging out with all the drag queens, putting on makeup. Now he's a huge star, married to that famous model eye-man... eee-mon, whatever... when I knew him he was just another little cocksucker."

Other highlights included two Prince songs, "When Doves Cry" and, in the final set, "Purple Rain," both delivered with a similar reverence to the original versions, with a dash of cheese a la Edie Gorme and some cross-genderal vocal acrobatics, from soprano to bass. Kiki also knows a truly great epic ballad when she hears one, and her wise decision to lend her pipes to the unforgettable "Total Eclipse of the Heart" makes for another high point. Clocking in at what seems like a crescendo-building 12 minutes, this song is to Kiki what "Kashmir" is to Led Zeppelin. She also did that "Why" song by Annie Lennox. The slightest little inflection of her voice when placed just so, as well as her overall physical gestures produced peals of laughter. Those wonderful drinks invented by Brian the handsome consummate bartender, referred to as a "Flo," may have been going to my head, but I began to see this entire act as mind-blowing, turbo-postmodern, comic genius. Oh yeah, she did a great version of Neil Young's "Cinnamon Girl," in a personal tribute to her own lesbian tendencies. It was also quite clear that Kiki really enjoys her drink too. As a matter of fact, she got to feeling a bit sick during the show and threw up to one side in a ladylike fashion, then said into the microphone, "I'm fat! I'm really, really fat!" She also laid down on the floor during one verse of a piano solo, giggling like the pixie-ish divorcee at bridge parties who drinks too much and ends up sitting on the bed in the room of the teenage son, feeling his muscles and asking him about girls. This show will be playing as long as it keeps selling out every Friday at Eichelberger's. Make reservations (863-4177) because you're not gonna want to miss this. Something big is going on.

Ken Mellman and Justin Bond, as Herb E. and Kiki, take Eichelberger's by white trash storm.

NEW IN CLUBLAND

Clubland is facing some new developments these days, which I suppose is perfectly natural and in good time. Recently a new club popped up at 177 Townsend on Saturday nights. It's called Rhythm and is being run by Dave Pederson, formerly involved with Product as Ggreg Taylor's right-hand man back in the beginning. When that alliance dissolved Pederson decided to strike out on his own and now Rhythm has been in operation for several weeks in direct competition with Product. I visited once and I really like that gigantic space, former home of Carefree and longtime home of Sunday night's Pleasuredome. The colorful decor of Rhythm was a plus, that cavernous building proving quite a challenge to decorate, and they did so successfully, using simple materials and lots of colors. I had to wonder if this city has enough club-going people to support two huge nighttime playgrounds. Seeing Rhythm had me thinking, yes, it does. The main reason is the distinct difference between the two. Product is about busy-ness: three dancerooms to

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choose from, odd eclectic decor and varietal entertainment, Nikki Rivera—the chick who rips wax supreme, VIP lounges with themes, VIPs, lots of drag-racing for queen of the night title, guest lists, etc. Rhythm has a more simple overall concept—it is a huge place to dance to the City's more popular house DJs. The concentration is simply that—hours of dancing to long good grooves. The changing decor adds an element of surprise or wonder depending on how good the ecstasy is. The only thing the two clubs have in common is drugs. I think the two monsters can co-exist side by side but my only instinct about their futures lies in their concepts. I am wary of any project that was possibly born out of spite, yet I am a firm believer in making good on a previously negative motion... I am also moving to Marin, into rebirthing and typing with my quartz crystal taped to the carriage.

Elsewhere in clubland there's something odd cropping up, something I thought would never be a feature in any club with its eyes on the prize of a lucrative reward. That is rock 'n' roll... spun by me on two turntables and a CD player too. What's strange is it's happening in more than one tiny ill-attended place. First off, I'm guest DJing for the next two Wednesdays at Faster Pussycat, then—I'm pleased to announce—at Exile, the Sunday night alternative to Disco fantasyland specializing in great go-go dancers, rock and schlock and funky shit, and featuring a highly underused but marvelously exciting backroom for naughties. I will be spinning every other Sunday for a portion of the evening with Downtown Donna and Matt Flynn and other possible DJ guests. As if that weren't enough, look for something new on Friday nights at Paula's Clubhouse, which has now gone officially gay every night of the week. Its newest member to the clan, Klubstitute, is now featured there every Saturday in all its glory. ✿

classics

BY CHING CHANG

Klezmer Band, David Hockney Among Fall Offerings

For many of us, it is that time of the year when summer romances are but quickly fading memories. Fortunately, a heart lacerated by unfulfilled promises can always find some small consolation in the upcoming fall season in the Bay Area, should one care enough about such things. In any case, there are a few goodies to watch out for in this highly volatile year for the arts in the Bay Area.

The San Francisco Early Music Society (SFEMS) is possibly one of the Bay Area's best-kept secrets. Their programming is generally fresh and unpretentious, and their concerts often produce music of the highest caliber, not to mention that their ticket prices are affordable too. SFEMS employs a healthy mix of local musicians as well as performers of international stature not yet spoiled by commercialism. Furthermore, SFEMS publicist Cynthia Koppelman reveals for the record (something I just can't seem to get the people at the Symphony or the Opera to do) that

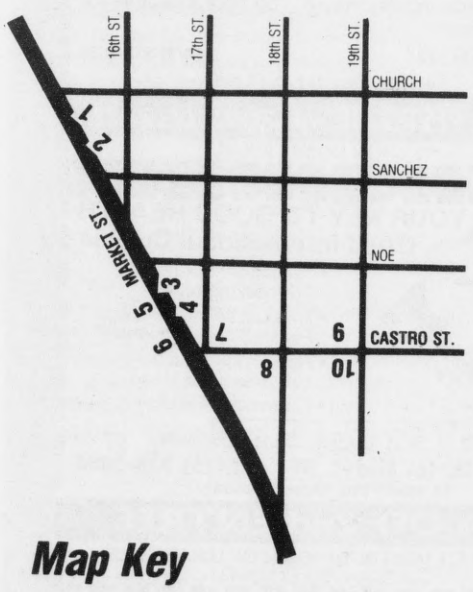
there are lots of queers and dykes on their staff and board of directors. What else could one want?

SFEMS' first concert of the season will feature violinists Ingrid Matthews and Carla Moore, performing CPE Bach's *Conversation between Sanguineo and Melancolico* and other virtuosic string music from the Age of Enlightenment, characteristically a transitional period which redefined musical styles. Check it out Oct. 2, 8 pm at Berkeley's St. John's Presbyterian Church, or Oct. 3, 7:30 pm at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in SF. Their second concert this season will feature the Bay Area debut of the Boston-based ensemble The King's Noyse, with soprano Ellen Hargis. Featured on this program at 8 pm Nov. 13 in Berkeley will be music from the Renaissance court and countryside. Call SFEMS for tickets and info at (510) 528-1725.

There is also, of course, our reliable local Women's Philharmonic, with an international theme season, which opens Oct. 2 at Berkeley's Zellerbach with a big bash of Israeli and Jewish-American music. Program selections include Shulamit Ran's *Fantasy for Cello and Orchestra*, Shelley Hanson's *b'Sha-ah Tovah* for klezmer band and orchestra, Tsippi Fleischer's *A Girl Named Limonad*, and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. I'm particularly looking foward to finding out what in the world a klezmer band is. A gala reception follows opening night. Call the WP at (415) 543-2297 for info.

And then there's the SF Opera's fall season. Diva worshippers may bet on Kathleen Battle's coloratura as Marie in Donizetti's *La Fille du Regiment* (opens Sept. 11), but for my money, I would rather see Puccini's *Turandot* in the new production designed by David Hockney and Ian Falconer, or even better, Janacek's intriguing *Makropoulos Case*, based on a play about an eternally beautiful opera singer who lives to the age of 337, yet has no passion for life. One more opera item: *When I Am Laid* fans will want to take notice that Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* will open the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra's '93-'94 season, with Lorraine Hunt singing Dido. Five performances from Sept. 17 thru 23, at several Bay Area locations. Call PBO at (415) 391-5252 for info.

Diva watch: other than Kathleen, some of the divas appearing this season at the SF Opera include Carol Vaness, Eva Marton, Frederica Von Stade, Karita Mattila, Leonie Rysanek and June (yuck) Anderson. A divette to watch is soprano Barbara Bonney, appearing in recital Dec. 7 at Herbst Theater (SF Performances, 415/398-6499). One more tip: if you haven't gotten tickets for Cecilia Bartoli's recital for March of next year, don't bother. They have been sold out since June. Instead, get tickets to Julianne Baird and Elliot Fisk's recital of Spanish music for soprano and guitar, Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3 pm, at Berkeley's cozy Hertz Hall. Call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988 for tix. ✿



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food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

A French Feast at Bargain Prices

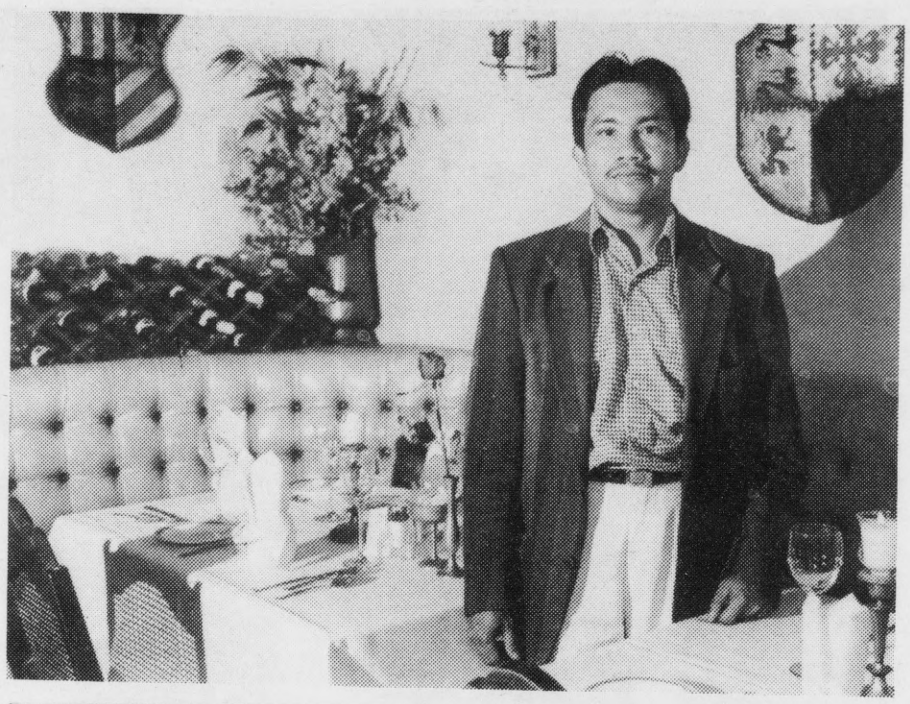
A delightful neighborhood restaurant with attractive ambiance and warm service can do wonders for food that's ordinary or only slightly better. Such is the case at the Inner Richmond district's **La Bergerie**. While its name means "sheep stable," reminding us that the specialty is lamb, the place recalls more a tacky '70s living room, with its beige vinyl padded bar, gilded framed paintings, and gargoyle-like black statuettes of various warriors and nymphs. Open 25 years, this medium-sized restaurant provides locals with a typical French menu, from pate and onion soup to steak in peppercorn sauce and braised rabbit.

Sweet, crisp French bread was brought to the table with a kitschy and warm silver oyster butter dish. **Les Crevettes du Golfe Dijonnaise** ($4.75), or prawns in mustard sauce, brought five crunchy crustaceans on a pool of creamy dijon mustard sauce. The obligatory **Pate Forestier au Genievre** ($4.75) was a wonderfully rich and complex pate, coarse in texture, and decorated simply with a fanned *cornichon* and a tomato-peel rose. I never understood the "French" onion soup of my childhood, a heavy, brown soup with diminutive onions flavorlessly swimming underneath a glop of melted swiss cheese. It's versions like the one here that changed my mind about this classic dish: **Soupe a L'Oignon Gratinee** ($3.50) brings a light broth with flavorful julienned onions and herbs, the whole covered with a slice of toasted bread and bubbling gruyere, sharp and tangy. This soup and a salad with, of course, some French bread and perhaps a glass of Chablis, make for a fine lunch or even a light dinner.

I was less enchanted with two other soups on the menu, **Bisque de Crevettes** ($3.75), or cream shrimp soup, and the **Potage du Jour** ($2), which in this case was a cream of vegetable. The shrimp soup, although rich and creamy and a pretty rosy pink, had little shrimp flavor, although several minute bay shrimp made their way into many spoonfuls. And the vegetable soup had no distinct flavor, but was completely nondescript, a smooth, pleasant soup without any traceable origins.

All of the entrees come with soup, salad, coffee and ice cream. *Quel* bargain! At these prices, if you find what you like, it's worth the trip. The salad, of butter leaf lettuce in a creamy vinaigrette, wiped our palates as it was meant to, and we were ready for the entrees (even though I was starting to feel rather ready for the check after two appetizers, soup and salad).

A mouth-melting **Carre d'Agneau Bergerie**, or rack of lamb ($15.50), came cooked perfectly medium-rare, napped in a garlicky *demi-glace*. A somewhat heavy **Lapin Chasseur** ($13.50) brought tender large leg and breast pieces, underneath a salty brown reduction sauce with the pearl onions and quartered mushrooms that define a "chasseur" sauce. I was unimpressed by the **Entrecote aux Trois Poivres** ($14.50), a sirloin steak with black, green and pink peppercorn sauce, not the most exciting version I've had, but not the worst, either. A special that evening of **Poached Salmon in Creamy Sorrel Sauce** ($14.95) turned out a luscious butterflied filet of salmon atop a bland sauce, subtle on the sorrel. All of the entrees were served with green beans, buttery scalloped potatoes and a sweet carrot puree. I ended up lapping up every bit of the carrot puree and leaving the other items on my plate; it was very French and very delicious.



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Ample portions and the four courses we had already endured left little room for dessert, but, *bien sur*, we nibbled on a few. **The Creme Caramel** ($3) offered no surprises; a sturdy custard with burnt sugar sauce and strawberries pleases those who like such things. An aspiring **Cherry Jubilee** ($3.75) suffered from canned cherries with vanilla ice cream and a warm rum sauce, all in a *coupe* glass with sugared rim. A similar problem with the **Pear Belle Helene** ($3.50) which combined canned pear sections with vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce, and a bizarre, out-of-place cinnamon whipped cream. Perhaps it's best to stick to the lemon sorbet or ice creams that are included with the dinner.

Service was friendly and unhurried, and the atmosphere is relaxed and informal. **La Bergerie** seems to be a good place for an inexpensive, romantic meal, if you're so involved with gazing into one another's eyes that you don't mind the gaudy candelabras and such, or if that stuff gets you hot in the first place.

AROUND TOWN

With Relish, a tongue-in-cheek singing and dancing review, pokes fun at all of our gastronomic pretensions, including a water tasting in Novato to find that "fine balance between hydrogen and oxygen," a woman's lament of being served organ meats, the four-person cast griping about modern menu fare ("polenta makes me *kvetch* like a yenta"), the whole coffee scene ("I like plain coffee, and I like it weak"), and a critic's review of the blessed sacrament. My favorite ditty was the recently converted Jewish woman who misses the foods she can't eat in her newly kosher home ("Our boring meals are not due to economy, but to Deuteronomy"). *With Relish* plays at Joe LoCoco's (300 Drake's Landing in Greenbrae) through the end of September. Tickets are $15 for the show; $35 includes dinner first (a thoroughly acceptable, three-course meal).

Chef/owner Andy Try of the romantic and kitschy restaurant La Bergerie. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Josephine

Born in 1906, a scrawny, wide-grinning, eye-rolling Josephine Baker made her way from East St. Louis to the Harlem club scene via the "chitlin" circuit. Booked into a Paris club as part of a "Negro revue," she Charlestoned her way to fame in the 1920s as the star of the Folies Bergere.

Bare-breasted and high-kicking, shimmying through an ersatz African dance wearing a girdle of bananas, she created for the world press an indelible image of Parisian nightlife. A lifetime fighter for civil rights, she worked with the French Resistance during the Nazi occupation, and after the war she sank every penny she could get her hands on into a chateau for the dozen "rainbow" orphans she adopted.

A sure-fire plot for a musical? You bet. Trouble is, attempting to cover a rags-to-riches-to-rags career in 20 musical numbers leaves little room for getting under the skin and into the mind of Josephine Baker.

Producers Simone Gennat (*The Prince and the Pauper*) and Jeffrey Hillock have brought *Josephine* to TheatreWorks for its pre-Broadway premiere. With some judicious cuts, less frenetic pacing, and more scripted attention to what's going on inside Josephine's feather-plumed head, the producers may well come up with a successful show.

Josephine begins promisingly enough. In half shadow a gangly Black teenager has just been evicted from a railroad station restroom for "peeing" in a "whites only" toilet. In a dramatic segue the stationmaster's Southern accent changes into that of a French policeman who is evicting the destitute Josephine from her repossessed chateau some 40 years later.

Star Natalie Venetia Belcon (seen previously in the touring company of *Once on This Island*) is not exactly Josephine's body type, and her con-

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tralto is markedly different from Josephine's slight but lilting soprano. Throughout the show her feisty mannerisms continue to override the unique charisma and exotic, sexual presence of a woman who took Paris by storm. Her big number, the Folies Bergere premiere, falls oddly flat, lacking the glamor and the aura of success we've been set up for. And a subsequent hair-pulling match with Mistinguet is simply embarrassing theater.

The musical's co-star—or *star* if you will—is the incomparable Della Reese as Ida, Josephine's early mentor and later ghostly conscience. From the moment Reese opens her mouth, she tucks the show under her arm and walks away with it. (Maybe it should be rewritten from *her* point of view, since Josephine herself seems to have none.)

At the play's beginnings, Ida and her Hot Chocolates are working the "chitlin" circuit. When she meets Josephine in the 1919 railway station scene and agrees to let her tag along, she sings her first lecture, "T.O.B.A.," to the gawky kid. The Theatre Owner's Booking Association, known to Black performers as T.O.B.A. or "Tough On Black Asses," provides Reese with the knockout number that sets the tone for her sassy characterization. Brusque and demanding, her Ida too often meanders on, cajoles her protege with some fine one-liners and marches off. I wish she had taken up permanent residence at the top of those stairs.

Unable to shake Ida's ghostly visits, Josephine addresses her as a "mean old woman." "Who you calling *old?*" Ida demands. "You're 20 years older than I was when I died." Tipping her head back for a swig of corn liquor, Ida complains, "This is terrible stuff. But you gotta sacrifice for your health."

When Reese joins Belcon in a reprise of "Ain't Nobody Gonna Grind Me Down," the show takes off. When she joins Belcon in their second act gospel, "Time for a Change," it soars.

Meantime the converted Parisienne, "La Bakaire," dabbles in DaDa, beds a series of lovers, gets beaten by the Nazis and is later decorated for her pains, marries her gay pianist so she can adopt war orphans, tours America where she is confronted with racism at the Plaza Hotel, the Stork Club and Miami's Copa, and ends up broke but befriended by Princess Grace Kelly.

The scenes fly by like those flipping calendar pages in '40s movies. In her final effort at a comeback, Josephine is joined by Ida and the two belt, "The Show Ain't Over Till the Fat Lady Sings." That's about as close as we get to discovering what's on Josephine's mind.

Ernest Kinoy wrote the book. The music and lyrics by Walter Marks tend to ignore the unique flavor and tempo of jazz age songs (and in a couple of numbers veer too close for comfort to the *Dreamgirls'* score).

The TheatreWorks production team featured director Anthony J. Haney, conductor Lita B. Liback, choreographer Barbara Valente, set designer John Bonnard Wilson and costumer Susan Archibald Grote (her not very flattering, fussy dresses, and her pink spandex body suits in the finale are a distinct disservice to the bodies of the dancers).

Josephine plays through Sept. 5 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Call (415) 903-6000. ✿

L-r: Raphael Sbarge, Judith Scarpone and David Groh in the moral fable "Twilight of the Golds."

Twilight of The Golds

Jonathan Tolin's *Twilight of the Golds*, a funny, poignant moral fable for the '90s, might well have been categorized as science fiction a year or so ago. But with the recent headline revelations about genetic research into the identification of congenital diseases and sexual orientation, the play takes a darker, more immediate meaning.

A Charles H. Duggan production, 27-year-old Tolin's drama has already played the Pasadena Playhouse and the Kennedy Center on its pre-Broadway tour. It begins, not unlike a Neil Simon comedy, with an immediately likable narrator sprinkling witty one-liners among the introductions of his family members, the Golds, who are framed in silhouette like gods of Valhalla, outside the picture window of a Manhattan apartment.

David (Raphael Sbarge, the most ingratiating new performer to come along in a decade) is a scenic designer for the Metropolitan Opera. Sister Suzanne (Jennifer Grey) is a pampered Jewish-American princess, who might have been a doctor but is instead a jewelry buyer for Bloomingdale's. Brother-in-law Rob (Michael Spound) is a high-tech genetic engineer. Phyllis (Judith Scarpone), narrowly avoiding the pitfalls of a stereotypical Jewish mother, has nevertheless directed and interfered with her children's lives since birth. Walter (David Groh) is a successful investment banker. Playwright Tolin sets about drawing a fascinating, if tenuous, connection between the dissolution of Wagner's mythic gods and the possible and irrevocable lopping off of this branch of the Golds' family tree.

It is Suzanne and Rob's third anniversary and the family has gathered for cocktails before go-

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ing out to dinner. Everybody, that is, except David's lover, who has not been invited. But the slight is pointedly ignored with the news that Suzanne is pregnant.

In David's view the parallel between the Golds' saga and the operatic apocalypse of Wagner's *Gotterdammerung* family now unfolds. Rob arranges for Suzanne's pre-natal testing through his own company's facilities. The good news is that the baby is physically perfect. The "other" news is that there is a 90 percent chance the boy will be homosexual. A Pandora's box of ethical dilemmas cracks wide open. Rob defends science's ability to alter patterns of chromosomes for the betterment of society. David is quick to bring up the Nazi connection. The pressing question is whether or not to abort and try for a "perfect" child in what has been an "imperfect" marriage.

David visualizes his unborn nephew as a potential superhero Siegfried who will slay the dragon. His passionate concern is how the decision of his own "nice family" might seal the fate of the world. "I'm fighting for my life," he pleads.

While each member of the family is allotted a monologue with which to expound a point of view, Phyllis delivers the most poignant expiation of her decision. Now that science has relieved her of any guilt for David's gayness (a joke about the use of a rectal thermometer when he was a baby gets a big laugh), she adopts a hands-off attitude. She refuses to influence Suzanne's decision.

In the drama's most shocking scene, David confronts his parents in their kitchen. He demands to know what decision they would have made had the information been available about his sexuality. "You are sick and diseased," his father shouts, "and I wish there were a cure." Then he adds, "But we love you."

Complex and frightening in its theme, the play challenges us intellectually far more than it moves us emotionally. Vocally unseasoned for the theater, Jennifer Grey fails to reveal why, given her professed love for her brother, she would even entertain a homophobic thought.

In a program note the playwright states, "It is almost certain that the next great civil rights issue to be confronted by our society will involve genetic identity." And he quotes from *Time* Magazine: "It will be one of society's major tasks in the 21st century to develop a moral and ethical code to match and help control this awesome ability."

The Twilight of the Golds plays Thursdays through Sundays at the Marines Memorial Theatre. Charge by phone (415) 771-6900 or (510) 762-BASS.

Four Plays of The Sea

For an unforgettable theatrical experience—one like no other—don't miss the revival staging of Eugene O'Neill's "Four Plays of the Sea" aboard the 19th century Pacific lumber schooner C.A. Thayer, berthed at the Maritime National Historical Park at Hyde Street Pier.

These intensely realistic plunges into sailors' lives on the British tramp steamer "Glencairn" during World War I have stayed in my memory since producer Marc Bruno staged them on the Thayer in 1988 to great acclaim, winning the Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for outstanding ensemble performance.

Now tautly directed by Hope Alexander-Willis, the plays have lost none of their power to forge an instant identity for us with these sad lost souls caught up in their destiny. The remarkable cast of 14, including five from the original staging, is thoroughly convincing in its brawling (fight choreography by Michael Cawelti), its speech patterns (Lynn Soffer, dialect coach), and its portrayal of the characters.

The audience sits on the deck to watch the first play, *The Moon of the Caribbes*, in which the ship is in port in the West Indies and the thirsty sailors are waiting for native women to sneak rum aboard despite the skipper's "no booze" rule. This is courting disaster and disaster occurs. Standing somewhat aloof from his roughneck shipmates is tall, brooding Smitty (Robert Parsons), the playwright's alter ego (O'Neill wrote the plays after a two-year stint as a merchant seaman), whose dark secret is exposed in the next play, *In the Zone*, for which the audience moves below deck to the forecastle, gathering around the men's bunks.

"In the Zone" means the war zone, and the Glencairn with its cargo of ammunition could be hit by German submarines. Cocky (Chris Ayles), doing wake-up calls one morning, spies Smitty behaving oddly. Suspicions aroused, Cocky tells the others what he saw. Mob psychology takes over and they convince themselves Smitty is a German agent. But the truth, when it emerges, is demeaning and painful for everyone.

Moving to the cargo hold for *Bound for Cardiff*, the audience finds Driscoll (David Winter) hovering with great concern around the deathbed of his best friend Yank (Paul Finocchiaro), who had had a bad fall on the ship. They talk of what might have been. Yank had dreams of leaving the sea and getting a farm in Canada or Argentina with Driscoll, though he never told Driscoll till now when it is too late.

Intensely realistic, the revival of O'Neill's play is set on board the schooner C.A. Thayer. Photo by Steven Worsley

Now that he is dying, Yank can tell of his hatred for shipboard life. It must be great to stay on dry land, never to smell the sea or see a ship, to have a wife and kids, he says. He has traveled around the world but he has seen none of it and never met any nice people. Now he is even going to be buried at sea, he realizes, "But what the hell does it matter now?"

The final play, *The Long Voyage Home*, takes the audience "onshore" to a bar adjacent to the Hyde Street Pier to a setting (actually the South End Rowing Club) described as "a low dive on the London waterfront." The big sentimental Swede named Olsen (Joe Cole) isn't boozing this time with his shipmates who have just arrived in London from Buenos Aires. That's because he has received two years' pay at the end of the voyage, and he is going back to Sweden to buy land to expand the family farm. But he succumbs to the enticements of a floozy (Lissy Walker) working for the bar boss. The bartender slips knockout drops into Olsen's ginger beer, and evil men shanghai him and cart him off to a ship sailing that evening for a faraway port.

The magnificent old wooden ship, the C.A. Thayer, is as much a character in the O'Neill plays as the terrific cast. The National Park Service, of which the Maritime National Historical Park is a unit, recently asked Mark Bruno and his Just So Productions to restage the O'Neill plays. The current production is dedicated to Jay DeBaun, who died of AIDS complications earlier this year. As both actor and maritime park ranger aboard the Thayer in 1988, DeBaun played Paul the Norwegian in the first play, then led the audience around the ship to the other play sites.

"Four Plays of the Sea" will be performed at 8 pm, Thursdays through Sundays, aboard the C.A. Thayer, Hyde Street Pier, corner of Hyde and Jefferson streets, adjacent to Aquatic Park. Phone 434-1528. ✿

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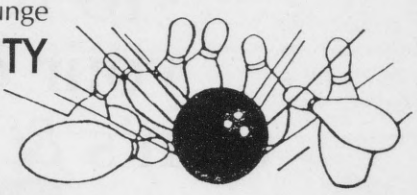

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Theater Briefs

INCIDENT AT VICHY

Arthur Miller's 1964 *Incident at Vichy*, a production by A Shakespeare & Co. at Intersection for the Arts, became shockingly relevant earlier this summer with the Paris assassination of the 84-year-old former Vichy police chief who was awaiting trial for deporting Jews to Nazi death camps. The war is forever with us.

A dramatic analysis of the disintegration of decency and idealism, Miller's treatise revolves around a dozen Vichy townspeople plucked at random off the streets and held for questioning at a detention center.

There is a gypsy (Kevin White), a waiter (Mike Ketcher), a young boy (Christopher Corporandy), a professor (Walter Dickhaut), a businessman (James Jack Duane), an elderly Jewish man (Harold Eiser), a cafe proprietor (Mitch Ellis), a painter (Matt Weimer), a prince (Bruce Moody), and a doctor (Ronnie Larsen). Guarding these civilians are five members of the military establishment, notably John Henry as a decent but trapped-in-the-system police captain and Kalli Johnsson as a major.

Increasingly disoriented with what is going on, they begin to question each other: Who is Jewish? Who is not? It is September 1942, and while they have never heard of concentration camps they know about enforced labor conscription.

One by one they are taken "inside" for interrogation. When the businessman is dismissed, hopes soar. Yet others are taken and do not return. Each of Miller's characters represents a particular type—hero, coward, moralist, pragmatist. The effete actor brings his stage experience to bear and cautions the assembled that they must "not reflect the face of a victim." The prince, in an especially moving performance by Moody, embodies the ideals of the nobility who, while ostensibly serving no practical purpose in life, have been bred in the tradition of honor before self. Most impressive too was director Ronnie Larsen, who stepped into the role of the doctor at the eleventh hour and delivered a compelling performance.

Not a great play, but some fine ensemble acting.

DOWN THE ROAD

I confess I'm of a mixed mind about Lee Blessing's *Down the Road*, a production of the Encore Theatre Company. The subject matter is distasteful, almost painful to listen to, but what "headline" play isn't these days? Currently running in New York, this play, like its predecessor, *Dead Boy*, at the Magic, is another shocking news story packaged in theatrical dialogue.

Not that the production itself is without merit. Director David Ford moves his three actors in cinematic segues between a bleak hotel room and a maximum security prison cell, permitting no break in the mounting tension. Ann Darragh as Iris and Brian Russell as Dan are excellent as a well-adjusted husband-and-wife writing team who have come to interview and knock out a bestseller about a serial killer—and who end up questioning their own values, motives and emotional responses. Andrew Dolan is superb as the charismatic, emotionless killer, William Reach, who insinuates himself into their consciousness. Calmly malevolent, he begins to manipulate them to his own ends, taking calculated pleasure in describing his 19 sexual assaults, mutilations and killings of young girls. "Killings," he insists, "not murders." Murder, in his mind, must have a motive.

On his first crime-story assignment, impressionable Dan is the perfect foil for cynical, experienced, don't-get-involved Iris.

Incredulous at the ease with which Reach recounts picking up a particular girl, Dan asks if she wasn't suspicious. "Not really," Reach answers matter-of-factly, "I was charming."

As the play moves between prison cell and hotel room (a desolate purgatorial symbol tucked beside a ribbon of the interstate), Reach's presence invades the room. He enters Dan's own dark reveries. He arouses a newly troubled Iris with his sexy breath on her naked shoulder.

Down the Road leads us into a disquieting area of self-analysis. The "why" of Reach's crime spree is never answered unless, as Iris suggests, in this society you don't really exist unless you're famous—or infamous.

Down the Road continues through Sept. 5 at the Magic Theatre. Call 567-6076. ✿

And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept

Reviewed by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

I guess you don't have to understand the title of a show in order to love it.

Such is the case with Justin Chin's latest one-man performance vehicle, *And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept*, currently playing at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint. The show, which deals with a plethora of issues, not the least of which are sex, death and assimilation, is about as powerful as theater can get. Most of that power stems from Chin's writing. The man has talent.

But I knew that a year ago when I first heard him read at a Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Gay Pride event at Modern Times Bookstore. He blew me away that night with his stream-of-consciousness prose/poetry, as few poets can these days.

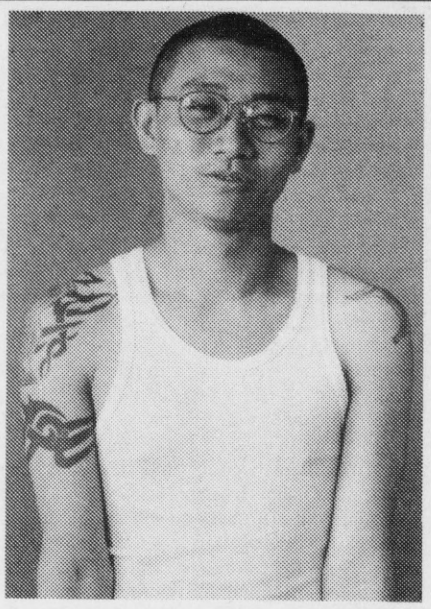
Starting off with a voice-over to slides, Chin paints a portrait of himself in one-liners, tearing open his inner self and pouring it out for our consumption. Lines like "I like Joni Mitchell," "I need to be abused." Some are funny, others are so bare-bones honest that they make you cringe to hear them. No cute new-age anecdotes here. Just the raw stuff of serious risk-taking.

Reminds me of the confessional poets of yesteryear, with their penchant for what often sounded like self-pity. But Chin's routine is not about self-pity. His is an intense and honest self-examination that is lacking in most "gay" theater.

I won't go into details on the contents of the show itself. There's no plot to be recounted. No great thematic discourse to disclose. I think Chin's work has to be seen to be appreciated, and I certainly recommend that people see him. He's going to be a major theater voice some day, mark my words.

Suffice it to say that in a series of four vignettes, Chin's show dissects a number of topics, including the truth about Asians in the Castro, the myth of the Castro as the queer mecca, and why attractive people get further in life. Without a doubt, he brings his audience on a stirring journey into sex and politics that few writers dare to tread.

No political correctness here. Chin is not afraid to offend anyone, and I'm sure the show will make some folks extremely uncomfortable. But Chin seems only concerned with revealing the truth about what he has observed about queer life in the '90s in the world's most infamous gay ghetto. No apologies. This is it folks—like it or walk out.



The unapologetically non-PC Justin Chin. Photo by Mark I. Chester

Nobody walked out. Why would they? Chin is thoroughly engrossing as he gives us a walking tour of Asian gay male types (from the clone to the activist; from those who date only other Asians to those who only date whites), of white racism in the Castro (if any white person reading this doesn't know what he's talking about, go see Chin's show immediately), of sexual experiences that are related without the romanticism associated with a lot of other "gay" theater works.

There are also some wonderful comic lines in the show—to wit, describing Mother Teresa as "a wrinkled colonialist." No sacred cows here.

Though the staging is static and unimaginative (a stool, a mike and a music stand for his script), the power of the spoken word keeps the work moving and absorbing. The emotions evoked in this piece ran the gamut—from anger to joy to sorrow.

Now if I could only figure out how the title relates to the work. It doesn't matter. It's a great title, and the piece stands on its own without it (something Chin will probably hate me for saying).

Chin's show runs once more at Josie's on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Call (415) 861-7933 for tickets. ✿

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The Ballad Of Little Jo

Reviewed by Greta Christina

In many ways, *The Ballad of Little Jo* is a rather conventional Western movie. Set in Montana in 1866, it tells of a mysterious stranger riding into a mining town—tough, independent, peculiar, a true frontier spirit. But this stranger is a woman, disguised as a man—which makes this character a stranger like no other.

The Ballad of Little Jo relates the story of Josephine/Little Jo Monaghan (Suzy Amis), an outcast from a wealthy East Coast family who begins to disguise herself as a man while traveling through the frontier West. As the story progresses, the disguise, originally assumed for survival, begins to penetrate the surface and become part of her life. Everything that's interesting about this film hinges on this transformation and the perspective it gives to the main character. As someone with a lifetime of experience as a woman, Little Jo has a unique view of the masculine world she lives in—a world the women don't see and the men don't question.

The film is most compelling when it is exploring this vision. Unfortunately, it often tends to drift off into old Western movie cliches. There are too many places where the director abandons the issue of gender and starts exploring the issue of Nasty Bad Evil Cattle Rancher Guys vs. good decent hard-workin' sheep-lovin' homesteaders. Please.

Little Jo also has a pacing problem. The passage of time seems to speed up and slow down almost randomly. As a result, events that should have felt either luxuriant or interminable just seemed choppy. An example is the relationship between Little Jo and Tinman Wong (David Chung), the despised Chinese man who starts out as her servant and ends up as her lover. The relationship is lovely to watch, a masterpiece of androgyny, the strong gentle woman with the scarred face and the strong gentle man with the beautiful long black hair. But we never get to watch them falling in love. In one scene he accidentally discovers her true gender, in the next scene they're making love. No transition.

And yet, despite these flaws, I found myself doing something that I only do during intelligent films that I enjoy—thinking about theme instead of plot. As the story progressed, I wasn't thinking about how she was going to survive her first Montana winter or whether she was going to sell her sheep ranch. I was thinking things like: Solitude. Secrecy. The dignity of the outcast. The construction of gender. The limitations of women's lives. (This last theme was explored powerfully and with great subtlety. Watching Josephine as a woman being harassed, intimidated, and threatened just trying to walk down the road alone, I felt an immediate identification with her that I rarely find in period pieces.)

The film is also beautifully made, with gorgeous scenery and camerawork, and excellent performances from the entire cast: from the misogynistic brutality of respected townsman Percy Corcoran (Ian McKellan), to the well-meaning ignorance of sheep rancher Frank Badger (Bo Hopkins). Oddly enough, Suzy Amis made a rather unconvincing woman in this film. I found her performance as the still-feminine Josephine somewhat stilted and stagy. But as Josephine disappeared and Little Jo began to emerge, Amis seemed to relax, and expanded into the role beautifully.

My one very serious problem with this film came, unfortunately, near the end. When it is finally discovered after her death that Jo was a woman, the scene is played for laughs. I don't know whether or not this was intentional; I do know that it made me intensely uncomfortable. It felt as if director Maggie Greenwald spent two hours giving this woman grace and dignity, and then spent the last ten minutes ruthlessly stripping her of it. Maybe that was the point. But it seemed to me that, since so much of Little Jo's character turned on her fear of discovery, the event should have been treated by the director with more respect. Shock, anger, pathos, bewilderment, yes—but not humor.

Suzy Amis as Jo: Compelling as a man, unconvincing as a woman. Photo by Bill Foley

I'll say this for certain—this is an extremely interesting film. I'm not sure whether I liked it in spite of its flaws, or whether I disliked it in spite of its appeal. Probably the first, if only because of my soft spot for originality. Any film that hasn't been done a hundred times before gets an automatic seven out of ten in my book, and this film has definitely not been done a hundred times.

The Trash Bin

Hard Target: If you like gratuitously violent movies with lots of guns, blood, death, kickboxing and stuff blowing up, I strongly recommend this one. Directed by John Woo, the acclaimed Hong Kong art-action film director, *Hard Target* is actually inventive and not totally pointless. No, really, I'm serious. It's full of stop-action sequences and long silent close-ups that give the fights and explosions a strange dreamy quality, and it actually manages to make Jean-Claude Van Damme (Mr. Charisma-of-a-Gum-Wrapper) look good. Woo is also very inventive in his choice of bad guys. (I'm not going to tell you what the bad guys' bad thing actually is, but I will say that I've never seen it done before.) The lack of sex scenes is a disappointment, especially since the film has such a weird erotic charge. And while Van Damme is more interesting than ever, he doesn't begin to compare to Chow Yun-Fat, star of several other Woo action films.

In the Line of Fire meanders a bit, the pacing is off much of the time, and Clint Eastwood is pretty much a one-note actor. Otherwise, I enjoyed this film rather a lot. John Malkovich as the bad guy is fabulously twisted (as usual), and Rene Russo is a goddess on wheels, although she should have had more physical action and less pancake makeup. (Action aficionados will remember her as the gorgeous butt-kicking lunatic cop in *Lethal Weapon 3*.) The film tends to get bogged down in boring details, but when the tension does get a chance to do its tension thing, it's pretty gosh-darned gripping. The phone-sex scenes between Eastwood and Malkovich (well, no, not really, but they might as well have been) are terrific, very sexy and diseased, the true heart of the film. I'd see it just for that. Plus, the plastic gun is way cool.

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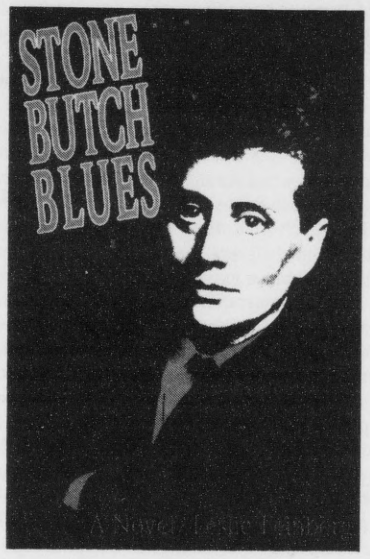
Stone Butch Blues

by Leslie Feinberg
Firebrand Books, 1993; $10.95



Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Stone Butch Blues is a passionate, intimate and engaging journey through the ever-alert mind and transmutative life of a character named Jess Goldberg. Jess, like the author Leslie Feinberg, is a typesetter by trade, and a gender-blended individual who has been struggling and surviving outside the fray for a long time. From the earliest childhood taunts ("You a girl or a boy?") through her coming of age as a lesbian in a strictly butch-femme working-class bar context, to sexual identity reconstruction and her shifting social and biological experiments with maleness and femaleness, Jess lives through it all. We follow her path, keeping pace with her insights as we're permitted to share her most intimate and heartfelt choices. The novel is ultimately about love, relationships, loneliness and yearning.

The main character is not afraid to say when s/he's afraid, not afraid to show herself being humiliated, not embarrassed to display her neediness and regrets about herself in close relationships. She's also wonderfully gallant and romantically lyrical about the femmes she has known, while being compassionate toward and awe-inspired by the stone butches (the "he-shes") she worked alongside in the factories of Buffalo during the prefeminist '60s.

Besides chronicling the ins and outs of Jess' turbulent and socially brutalized existence, Feinberg taps an even deeper vein in this book; exploring a journey of self-discovery amid hatred from the outside and internal confusion regarding self worth. Underneath it all is a huge sadness, a sorrow about life which is broad enough to encompass feelings about death, lost love, violence, hatred and social injustice. The novel is a plea for compassion from and toward all people. It's a lyrical, plaintive, and beautifully written first novel about living with and surviving the Blues.

Several chapters from this novel recently appeared as stories in Joan Nestle's anthology *Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader*. The working-class butch-femme milieu which is the background of much of *Stone Butch Blues* has been thoroughly documented and studied exhaustively by Elizabeth Kennedy and Madeline Davis in a newly published book called *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community*. Feinberg takes the butch-femme lifestyle several steps beyond historical documentation by giving voice to the emotional desires and frustrations of her characters, who practice being butch or being femme in personalized and varied ways. Some of the butches, like Jess, stretch and bend their gender to such an extent that they no longer fit into their original lesbian community. What Feinberg has brought to the foreground in her novel is a poetic study of the transgendered individual forging an identity on the outer edges of acceptability. Yet as Jess points out, to be transgendered doesn't always mean one has to be transgressive. Transgendered individuals have existed throughout time and in many different societies.

Despite Jess' victimization, her ultimate definition of self is not dictated solely by her oppression. But in her life and time, the bigger picture often eludes her and so much of her existence consists of struggling to fit in at least enough to be permitted to make a basic living. The constant obstacles take their emotional toll. Feinberg

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dedicates her novel, not only to her lesbian lovers, but also "to the butches, passing women, drag kings and drag queens, FTM brothers and MTF sisters—transsexual and transvestite—who urged me to keep writing, even if one sketch can't illustrate every life ... and to the many other transgendered human beings whose lives ended in violence." For Feinberg, being a writer must be one way open to receiving her just rewards.

Stone Butch Blues begins with Jess writing a never-mailed letter to Theresa, the love of her life. Included in this letter is the basic plot and structure of the rest of the novel. It begins: "Dear Theresa, I'm lying on my bed tonight missing you, my eyes all swollen, hot tears running down my face." She speaks of the judgment against her by other women who feel sorry for her and really believe that it's because she hates herself so much that she is compelled to look and act like a man. She speaks about sex roles and the inability of stone lovers to open up the old wounds, to trust the healing process to someone else's hands. And she speaks about a pivotal incident which serves as the symbolic heart of the book: "Remember the night you stayed home with me when I was so sick? That was the night—you remember. The cops picked out the most stone butch of them all to destroy with humiliation, a woman everyone said 'wore a raincoat in the shower.' We heard they stripped her, slow, in front of everyone in the bar, and laughed at her trying to cover up her nakedness. Later she went mad, they said. Later she hung herself."

Sexual boundaries and restrictions in sexual practice are examined judiciously in the book. Just how characters maintain and protect their sexual images along psychological and physiological lines is a topic of vital interest to Feinberg, who sees herself most intensely in sexual relations with others. The sexiest scene in the book is one in which Jess, who has been on male hormones and has already had breast surgery, makes love to a woman while passing completely as a man. The woman is a straight waitress who works nearby, and she has absolutely no clue. The first person narrator describes the scene in detail: the tease, the bits of dialogue in bed in the dark, the erogenous stroking, the dildo and the subterfuge of erection. Jess confesses out loud: "It's true I faked an ejaculation, but not my pleasure. Annie's body felt so good. She kissed me deep and slow, moved for me, gave me everything a woman can give to a lover, and I was excited. At the moment when it became unbearable for me to go on any longer I pulled out gently, ground my pelvis against the sheets, and cried out." The love affair was a one-night stand as Annie was extremely straight and homophobic despite the fact that the sex for her was the best ever. But more than that, it was a non-consensual sham, something Jess could bemoan and relish at the same time.

The real thing in Jess' life was always Theresa, who was with her as a femme partner when Jess was a butch dyke. The relationship was so sweet that the pain of breaking up never ended for Jess, who was still writing her imaginary love letters decades after it was over. The relationship ruptured in a way that paralleled the major social and political quakes happening in "Amerikka" in the late '60s, early '70s. Both Theresa and Jess were changing in different directions. Theresa was beginning to move into the middle-class, anti-war and feminist movements. Jess was into taking male hormones in order to fully pass so that "he" could keep getting work in the blue-collar, male-oriented heavy industries. But Jess could no longer take the beatings by cops and rednecks and the pressure of not being accepted as a man, as a woman, or even as a "he-she." The social changes of the '70s and the internal turmoil in both their lives strained the relationship to the breaking point. Feinberg writes about their parting so poignantly that one cannot help but weep in recognition of love lost. "Once we both understood that we couldn't continue, I had to leave. The pain was already unbearable. Theresa stroked my face and repeated, 'I love you so much.' I nodded as tears streamed down my face. I knew it was true, but part of me raged against her for not loving me enough to stay together."

After the breakup, Jess goes through all sorts of changes. Unfortunately along with the changes come years of heart-wrenching loneliness. It isn't until s/he leaves Buffalo and moves to Greenwich Village that Jess is finally able to pull herself up, become educated, politically active and outspoken about transgender issues. Meeting and becoming intimate with Ruth, a MTF transgendered neighbor, also from upstate New York, helps Jess get her life back on track.

The novel ends where it started, but on a whole different plane of understanding. "I recalled the night Theresa and I broke up, how I stared into the night sky, straining for a glimpse of my own future. If I could send a message back in time to that young butch sitting on a milk crate, it would be this: My neighbor, Ruth, asked me recently if I had my life to live all over again would I make the same decisions? 'Yes,' I answered unequivocally, 'yes.' I'm so sorry it's had to be this hard. But if I hadn't walked this path, who would I be?"

A Simple Matter of Justice: The April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi-Sexual Rights A Photographic Narrative

"A Simple Matter of Justice"
The April 25, 1993 March On Washington For Lesbian, Gay & Bi-Sexual Rights
A Photographic Narrative by Doug Emerson

by Doug Emerson
Crickett Publications, 1993; $17.95 paperback

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

It's difficult to decide whether *A Simple Matter of Justice* is more of a must-buy for people who were at the 1993 March on Washington, or for those who couldn't make it. This oversized paperback is stuffed full of beautiful black-and-white photos of a moving moment in history for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. A marvelous memento for attendees (estimated by some at over a million) and a great glimpse for the rest of us—people like me who regrettably couldn't make it. The images are all supplied by local gay photographer and longtime activist Doug Emerson. He's also responsible for assembling this well-paced photo-journey of what must have been a superlatively fantastic experience.

Simultaneously political and upbeat, *Justice* makes for rapid page turning. Each photo is a delightful discovery of locations, attitudes and... celebs. Emerson includes some great candid shots of Martina Navratilova, Larry Kramer, Patricia Ireland, Sir Ian McKellen, Cybill Shepherd, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson. San Francisco locals showed up in abundance, including Carole Migden, Cleve Jones, Roberta Achtenberg, Danny Williams, Jose Sarria and more. It's a virtual Who's Who of today's prominent lesbians, gays and supporters.

Virulently tainting the joyous experience of the photos are glimpses in the background of the hate-filled fundamentalists brandishing signs stating "Fags burn in hell" and "God hates fags." And yet the unrelenting pride of the participants is evident in every shot and valiantly overrides the hatemongers. Lesbians and gay men heft plenty of their own signs sporting slogans such as "Cure hate. Stop AIDS," "NEA=Not Everyone's America," "Don't hate, Masturbate," and "Wake up! Time's up! ACT UP!" As pictured, so much seems to have happened that day: the March, the exhibition of the Names Project Quilt, not to mention the infinite interactions between people from across the country.

Whatever the weather, certain personalities will always find a way to show some skin. Well, reports have it that March 25 was the first hot day of the year... and flesh abounded. Emerson, of course, recorded it. For the gay male reader, competing for attention are a plethora of pictorial pectorals, a bevy of brawny biceps, logjams of lumberjack legs, and more (including some incredibly sexy hairy backs). Lesbians may appreciate the variety of strong, proud women pictured, many with bare breasts, some with tattoos. But what all the participants clearly have in common is their bearing of fiery determination.

If only *Justice* were hardcover! How great to at long last have a gorgeous coffee table book with some bite to it. A real discussion starter when the conservative, perhaps occasionally condescending parents (or Jehovah's Witnesses) drop by.

The title, *A Simple Matter of Justice*, is derived from a speech by the eloquent late, great Harvey Milk. Many more of his poignant words provide the narrative for the first half of *Justice*. Words that ring true today. Words that are followed by the very people photographed, commemorated and celebrated in this visual journal.

More text is provided by various March participants. The foreword is by Carole Migden and the epilogue by Ralph Payne (legislative aide to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein). The extremely clever Tom Ammiano provides an all-too-brief snippet.

All told, the most moving testimony is from civil rights attorney and artist Mary C. Dunlap: "Perhaps we have it in our hearts to appreciate that the pain of growing up human in this world could unite us all, if we let in its universality. Perhaps we could pause regularly along the variegated paths we've chosen, look around, realize we are not alone, and thank whatever we believe in and whoever we love (hopefully including ourselves) for how far we have come."

Proceeds from the sale of *Justice* will benefit Team San Francisco athletes participating in the 1994 Gay Games IV in New York City. ✿

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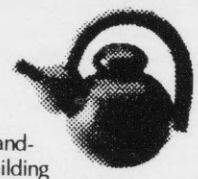

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the leather chronicles

The winners of the Deaf California Leather '93 contest: (l-r) Billy Ragby, Tony "Wolf" Daverso, Susan Gonzalez and Paddy Chee. Photo by BJ

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Bashing From Within: Part II

After my column about verbal and political bashing, I've been told many stories that have shocked me. I have also been asked to write more on this problem. The bashing stories have ranged from lover break-ups to employment hassles to community involvement. The problem appears to be worse than I thought, and there's no doubt something has to be done and soon. We are losing too many friends and members of our community because they need to get away from the attacks. I know a few people who have chosen to leave, but would rather have stayed.

There appears to be a vortex of hatred that develops when two parties have a disagreement. This vortex grows and swallows everyone in its vicinity until someone can no longer handle the war. One or both parties try to drag as many people to their side as possible to win a senseless argument. The root problem should be settled without bringing the whole world into it. I would like you to imagine in your mind what it would be like to be in their shoes. Also, ask yourself if you enjoy the gossip and rumors. If your answer is yes, you may be hurting the ones you love the most.

I have on occasion been asked to take sides in this column. I refuse to do that type of reporting, because it just perpetuates the problem. Attacking a person for whatever reason does not belong in a community column forum. Plus, I would be just as guilty of bashing.

The most important thing to remember is that you cannot change the other person, but you can change yourself. Just stop listening to the bullshit and tell your adversary to go away. It will not be easy and may take a lot of practice and time. Remind yourself that every time you hear gossip, you would not want to be the victim.

RUSSIAN RIVER LEATHER WEEKEND

It has been apparent for a few years now that Mr. Marcus doesn't have anything nice to say about me or my events. I guess that doesn't matter—it's only one man's opinion. As he promised, here is the fluffy write-up on Leather Weekend.

I couldn't have asked for better weather. The skies were sunny and the temperature hovered around 80 degrees. The general body count topped 750-800 persons who partied their asses off. Terry Foster sang her heart out to the crowd on Friday night and was accompanied by a sexy little dancer, Daminana. Although her microphone was somewhat muffled, she still managed to enchant the audience. Blair did her usual fine number as emcee. The Sacramento Leather Association had some interesting fantasies, one featuring an ice dildo as the finale. Mark Decicco did a fab-u-lous job on the leather memorabilia display in the Triple R's dining room.

There was so much partying that everyone seemed to have a hangover on Saturday morning. As guests recovered and started flowing in on Saturday afternoon, we started the contest. In defense of the emcees, Shannon Morgan (Sacramento Dyke Daddy) and Cliff Parker, the sound system was low because the neighbors complained, so contestants could not hear their stage calls. Also, a correction on the winner of Daddy was made, because the names for Daddy were listed in reverse order. A small, but I hope understandable, mistake.

Nine contestants competed for the titles of Russian River Leather Daddy, Daddy's Boy and Ms. Russian River Leather. The title of Ms. RR Leather '94 went to Abigail Sandal and her 1st runner-up was Jessica Motch. Daddy's Boy winner was Rick Treadway and his runner-up, James Clark. For the title of Daddy the winner was Art Turmelle, and Larry Boeger the 1st runner-up. The Rainbow Cattle company was packed most of the weekend and the town businesses said they had a great weekend. Saturday night came off better than planned. We had a showing of more people than expected, and I was told by Ziggurat's management that they had one of the biggest draws in the bar's history. The crowd again partied very hard, but took time out to watch Falcon Video model Cliff Parker do an erotic striptease. Then the show finale: Reva, Rico and Rainbeau danced a set which brought down the house. The crowd stayed and partied until 4 am.

On Sunday it seemed like everyone again was hung-over and showed up a little late, but eventually more folks arrived, and the party was back in full swing. It was remarkable that everyone was really getting into the singer for the day, Gail Smith. Gail is a pop-country singer, but she seemed to motivate the slightly hung-over group and nursed them back into the partying mode. I was personally pleased that all of the events happened as planned. See you next year!!!

Leather title winners at the River Weekend '93: (l-r) Jessica Motch, Abigail Sandal, James Clark, Cat, Rick Treadway, Larry Boeger and Art Turmelle. Photo by Rick Manring

DEAF CALIFORNIA LEATHER

I have had reports that it was a very big crowd Saturday, Aug. 14, for the Mr. and Ms. Deaf California Leather contest at the Eagle. Rainbeau and Danny Williams emceed the night away and did a great job. The fantasy by Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II) and her slave Kelly was one of the highlights of the evening. The man who was the main energy source to put this contest on was Philip Rubin. Tony (Wolf) Daverso was crowned as the new titleholder, and Bill Raby was 1st runner-up, with Paddy Chee coming in right behind as 2nd runner-up. As for the Ms. contestants, Susan Gonzales was the winner and Gail DeLuca came in as her 1st runner-up. Scoring the seven contestants were Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93), Audrey Joseph (Fantastic Realities), Ann West, Skeeter, Mr. Marcus, and Mr. San Diego Leather '93, with Andy Anderson (Mr. Safe Sex '93) as the tally master. I have the greatest respect for the hearing-impaired group for reaching out and educating everyone that they are just as much of the community as you or I. You have my respect and admiration, as well as a thank you for being part of the leather family.

WESTERN WEEKEND III

There was quite a congregation of hot-looking Cowboys and Cowgirls at the 3rd annual Summer Western Weekend on the Russian River. The weekend featured dancing, a live band called "Hearts On Fire," Country Music Television recording artist Jimmy Demar, more dancing, a T-shirt auction, tight butt contest, tan line contest, BBQ galore, raffles and more dancing. Clint Johnson, Glenn Dixon and all of the members of the Redwood Empire Horseman's Association worked hard on the production, and it looked like it paid off. All the monies raised from the events went to Sonoma County AIDS charities and community services. I look forward to the winter addition scheduled for January.

COMING UP

The Human Dog Show: This special dog show seems to be a bizarre one, but it sounds humorous and is for both men and women. This benefit for the Krewe De Cuir's Leather Mardi Gras 1994 is at the Eagle on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 3-7 pm. It is hosted by Vern Stewart (King of Leather '93) with entertainment by Scott Karnuth (Mr. Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '93), Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93), The Phoenix Uniform Club, The Sacramento Leather Association and Cruella de Ville.

Leather Buddies: It's that time again for the intensely masculine leather play night. If you want a hot time, you should save it up for every 1st Wednesday of each month for Leather Buddies. Check in early on Sept. 1 at about 8 pm for a night you won't forget. Don't forget your membership card or call (415) 979-0242 for membership information.

Daddy's Boy Contest takes place Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Eagle. An $8 (all-you-can-drink) beer bust from 3-6 pm will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. There will be a short auction with leather and uniforms up for bid. The food for this fundraiser will be donated by Cal Eagles. The selected judges are Mark McKee (Alameda Co. Leather 92), Randy Wright (Alameda Co. Leather '93), Random Chance, Spot (Northern Calif Drummer Boy '94) and Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93), with emcees Tom Ammiano and myself. If you are interested in signing up you can now pick up applications at the Eagle. This has always had a big turnout, so sign up early.

Cheeks & Chaps Int'l: Please join us for the Mr. and Ms. International Cheeks and Chaps competitions on Sept. 18 at the Eagle. The proceeds from an $8 beer bust and a 50/50 raffle will go to benefit the Crippled Children's Foundation. There will be contestants from many regional contests bidding for a chance to be the representative of them all. You do not need to be a regional winner to compete, and all applications are encourag-

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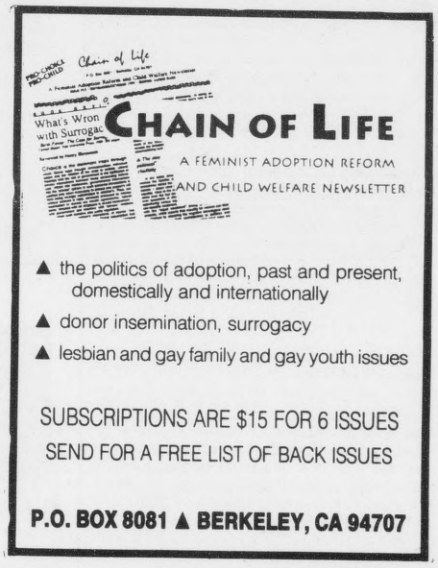
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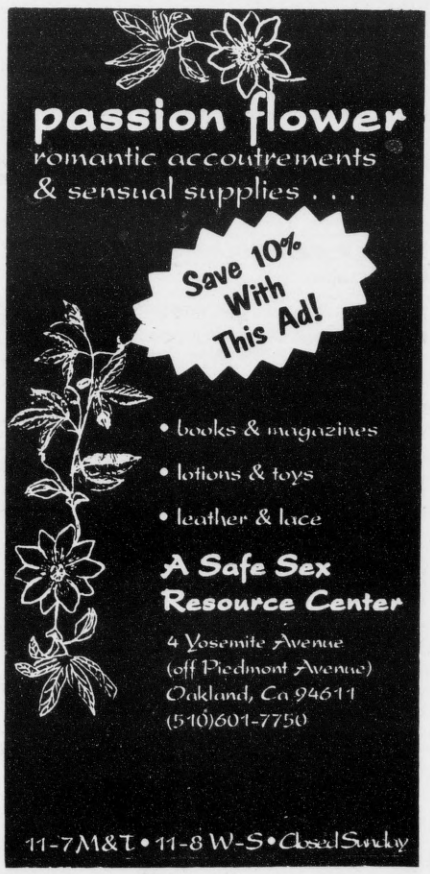
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seen, so bring your ear plugs. The bust starts at 7 pm and the contest at 8:30 pm. See you there.

Fresno Leather Fest: The Yosemite Chapter of the Knights of Malta is holding its LeatherFest '93 Oct. 1-3. On Friday a $2 buffet starts at 7 pm, with a meet-and-greet $5 beer/soda bust starting at 9 pm at the Red Lantern. At noon on Saturday there will be a $2 leather fair and barbecue also at the Red Lantern, followed at 8 pm by the Mr./Ms. Central Valley Leather contest. Tickets are $5 in advance and $7.50 at the Metro Underground's door. Sunday is the farewell brunch with a $3 donation being held at The Metro Station. The proceeds have been designated to go toward the K of M Charities Fund. Call (209) 498-0314 for more info.

Living In Leather: If you are Houston-bound in October, you might want to make a reservation for Oct. 8-10 at Living In Leather VIII. This huge gathering of people is one of the largest leather events. They will be presenting over 50 workshops, the annual Mr. and Ms. NLA contest, receptions, brunches, 12 step meetings, a craft fair and dungeon parties. The host hotel is the Houston Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, (800) 325-3535, with rates starting at $79 per night. Registration fees if postmarked by Sept. 1 are $105 for NLA members and $140 for non-members. After that the price goes up to $125/$170. For more info call the NLA International at (415) 863-2444.

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Vocational Counselor: 30 hours/week, $16,155/year plus excellent benefits. Vocational counseling/support work crews/job coaching referral. BA/MS in rehab counseling/related field plus expertise w/mentally ill req. Resume to: Baker Places, Inc. (VOCC/BT), 310 Townsend, #300, SF 94107. The disabled, sexual minorities and multicultural applicants encouraged. EOE.

Young Women's Project Coordinator. Gay and lesbian youth organization hiring full-time position. Experience: lesbian/bi women's health, I&R, leadership training, supervision, writing, computer literacy, public speaking. Multicultural/at-risk youth experience. Cover & resume by 8/27/93 to: LYRIC, 3543 18th St #31, SF CA 94410.

Publications Coordinator. AIDS Quilt sponsor seeks creative graphic designer to produce all publications and printed materials, inc. brochures, handbooks, ads. Strong desktop publishing, Mac experience, working knowledge of graphics software required. Ability to meet scheduling deadines and work within budget. AIDS-sensitivity required. Mid-20s w/ben. Resume, one design sample to: Personnel/Pub Coor, NAMES Project Foundation, 310 Townsend #310, SF CA 94107. No calls. EOE.

Women's B&B seeks housekeeper/cook. 10-20 hrs/wk, weekends and mornings. $8/hr. Must be gregarious, organized, know the area. 863-0538.

The NAMES Project Foundation seeks an Assistant to the Executive Director. Candidate must have at least two years experience in a managerial support position with excellent writing, word processing, Macintosh, telephone and office skills. Must be AIDS sensitive. Send resume and cover letter by August 20th to Personnel/AED, The NAMES Project Foundation, 310 Townsend St, Ste 310, SF CA 94107. No calls please.

Phone actors needed for brand new bisex/gay phone fantasy line. Work at home, set your own hours. Call and leave message for Marilyn at (415) 512-5739.

Inner Sunset Community Food Store needs fulltime workers! Womyn, people of color, queers, older people and folks bilingual in Chinese, Russian or Spanish are especially encouraged to apply. Please pick up an application: Deadline is September 1st. 1319 20th Avenue near Irving Street.

■ HELP WANTED/ARTS

Writers Wanted: Seeking erotica for a new adult gay fiction series. SASE for guidelines: PCP, Dept BT, Box 3081, Danville, CA 94526-8081.

Narrator Wanted: Gay male performance artist seeks reader for AIDS-related performance piece. (415) 621-9944.

Wanted: Gay/lesbian pianist who sings. Join 2 lesbians (singer, singer/pianist). Work up political song repertoire (Holly Near, Romanovsky/Phillips, ours, etc). For gigs. (415) 647-3204.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Youth Talkline. Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Youth Talkline in the Bay Area! Young people 23 and under are needed to staff the lines and volunteers of all ages are needed to provide support. People of color, bilingual people, transgender people and people with HIV and AIDS are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center at (415) 703-6150 ext 4 for more information.

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■ HOUSING SOUGHT

Two Housemates Wanted: Queer friends looking for two women to make comfortable home with starting Oct 1. Clean, shared household responsibilities. Robert 554-0135, Selena 731-9924.

■ HOUSE FOR RENT

$1175. Near City College and public transportation. 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, fireplace, dining room, hardwood floors, garden, deck, washer; no pets. 337-8004.

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Livermore: Seeking lesbian/gay rommate. Clean/quiet nature. Furnished room with private bath. $400 plus ½ utilities. Call John, (510) 455-4007.

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Seeking lesbian roommate, clean/quiet nature, employed. Large house, 2 private rooms. $480/month. Sandy 585-6542.

Seeking lesbian housemate for sunny 3 bedroom house. Laundry, offstreet parking, close to Berkeley Bowl and BART. Great backyard. No pets. $350. Call (510) 848-4683.

Professional woman to share large new San Francisco home. Private suite with bath. $700. Sally 587-0723.

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■ COUNSELING & THERAPY

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Feeling overwhelmed? Missing your life? **Marjory Nelson, PhD** is a compassionate, intuitive **hypnotherapist** with broad experience & a sense of humor. Sliding scale. 647-2845.

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Gay Men's Therapy: Ongoing group to address quality-of-life issues, self-esteem, relationships, fear of intimacy, depression, AIDS anxiety, internalized homophobia, codependency and other issues. Sliding scale/insur. Info: John Beeman, MA, MFCC (lic. MFC23838): 626-6196.

Ongoing Therapy Group for Gay Men from Dysfunctional Families. Call Dan Joy, LCSW (415) 621-5986 or Scott Madover, PhD (415) 863-4806 for more information.

Support group for lesbian partners and lesbian friends of lesbians with cancer. Share your thoughts and feelings with other lesbians who are experiencing cancer through their lover or close friends. **Free**. For more information, call Women's Cancer Resource Center (510) 548-WCRC.

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East Bay Therapy Group for gay men has opening. Explore issues of assertiveness, intimacy, finding inspiration and motivation to enrich one's life. Call Ken Pinhero, LCSW. 510-649-8007.

Ongoing **groups** for **women** exploring whether or not to have children and the many feelings associated with this decision. **415-985-7464**. MFCC Registered Interns: Denise Carlini, IMF19542, Ann Davidman, IMF20110. Sup. K. Glaser, MFC18869.

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Berkeley Therapy Group for Gay Men at the Men's Center accepting new members. Explore relationship and life issues in a supportive and interactive setting. Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm, $20/session, 10-week initial commitment, free interview. Led by Doug Wessel, MA, MFCC intern (#IMF 16605). Supervised by Ken Pinhero, LCSW (#LCS12446). Call (510) 644-1925.

Therapy Group for Men with Food & Weight Issues: Do you think about food & weight? Do you starve, binge or purge? Group therapy can bring relief. Individual therapy available. Info: Ilene Gould, PhD. (415) 928-5018.

■ RELATIONSHIP ISSUES/ COUPLES THERAPY

Lesbian Couples Group starts Sunday Sept 5, 10 am-5 pm, monthly, six month commitment required. Free, pre-group interview required. Sliding scale. Faith Fuller, PhD Psychology; Marita Fridjhon, CCHT; (415) 776-6090; (510) 547/7443/601-5435.

Beyond Breaking Up. A group for lesbians on ending relationships and rebuilding one's life. $25/session. For more info call Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

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Therapy Group for lesbian survivors of incest and sexual abuse. Monday nights, SF location; begins early October. $25, 20 wk commitment. Contact Rebecca Silverstein, MFCC (415) 206-0216 or Chana Wilson (510) 654-7560.

■ RECOVERY ADDICTION/ SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Daughters of Alcoholics ACA Group. New group forming. The focus will be on your family of origin, and how your role within the family has prevented you from making the changes in your life that you had hoped for. SF and East Bay locations. Call: Randi Hepner, MFCC at (510) 601-6262. Individual therapy also available. **Insurance accepted.**

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Briefs...

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the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He wants the Native Americans, who are engaged in battle, either covered with pants or painted over.

• A policy that allows queer couples at Ohio State University to live in family housing on campus has come under fire from legislators. The policy is now on hold as university officials decide on review procedures. State Rep. Michael Fox (R-Hamilton County) is pushing a bill to prohibit queer couples from living in housing on state college campuses. Don't legislators have better things to do with our tax dollars?

• Remember when Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) was a real conservative? These days he's speaking out for gays and lesbians in the military. How times change, huh? Most recently Goldwater told the *Advocate* that it was "just plain dumb" for the Republican Party to oppose the lifting of the ban. And in an opinion piece in the Washington *Post* in June, Goldwater quipped, "You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country. You just need to shoot straight."

• Take Back Cincinnati, an anti-gay-rights group, says it has enough signatures on its petitions to challenge the city's gay rights measure. Gay rights advocates, anticipating that the right-wing measure would make it to the ballot, are preparing for a fight. "Everybody is ready to fight the lies and distortions this community is going to hear," says Shirley Lesser, director of Stonewall Cincinnati.

• The young homophobic men who beat Loc Minh Truong because they thought he is gay are being sued for medical costs. Truong has been disfigured as a result of the Jan. 10 gay-bashing by the thugs. Truong, who says he is not gay, is also suing ten others who stood by while he was attacked.

• Tired of studies estimating the number of queers in the population? Well, get ready for yet another less-than-10-percent estimate. The University of Hawaii says that its study shows that 5 percent of the population is gay or lesbian. That's better than the 1 percent figure given by another recent study.

• The Fargo, N.D., newspaper, *The Forum*, refused to run the wedding announcement of a lesbian couple, saying it only publishes pictures of couples who are getting legally hitched. The couple says the paper is discriminating against them. Says editor Joe Dill, "We don't plan to change the policy to permit any sort of commitment notice, whether it is gays or lesbians, or simply a man and woman wanting to live together, because it doesn't result in a legal marriage." Bigotry by any other name...

• Talk about not putting your money where your mouth is: the State Supreme Court of New Jersey is planning an action against ethnic and racial discrimination in that state's courts, but won't recommend hiring more minority judges.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• New Zealand now has a law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and HIV status. The law goes into effect on Feb. 1, 1994. The bill was sponsored by MP Katherine O'Regan. Only four members of Parliament opposed the measure. Tony Hughes of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation called the passage of the bill "a great and sweeping victory...which will greatly assist in the management of the HIV/AIDS epidemic."

• A Sicilian man, Vincenzo Mandanici, allegedly hired a hit-man to rub out his gay son, Giuseppe, who was working as a hustler. According to the report in *La Repubblica*, "He was ashamed and couldn't accept his son's sexual inclination and refused to allow anyone in the family to talk about it." The man arrested for shooting the boy received $700 as payment. Giuseppe is in critical condition. ✿

the personals

RSVP

I was Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for my high school (in 1965), and I was once almost blown up by the IRA. (The two are not connected—though I do make dynamite chocolate chip cookies.) Want to know more? I'd like to hear your stories, too. Warm, attractive, dependable North Bay lesbian feminist historian seeks others to be serious and silly with. Friendships important; one LTR desirable. Please be honest, emotionally responsible, and free from any serious needs for alcohol, tobacco or cats. Reply BT Box AG1B.

"Oh Baby Oh Baby"

"How about some...." No, that's not my style. Try again. "Taurus/Capricorn rising/Pisces moon, Enneagram number 8, Myers Briggs INFP, Strong Interest Survey ASI, born on a Friday in the year of the dog...." No, no, no! Too esoteric. OK, let's just be regular, accessible. "47-year-old Jewish lesbian, butch-of-center, warm, affectionate, smart, literate, curious, mentally and emotionally adventurous seeks appropriate match. I'm disinclined to camp, hike, jog or shlepp. I read, listen to music, listen to my inner voice, and listen to anyone with anything interesting to say. Be strong (I can be a challenge), be loving, be ready. Sense of humor/irony, open heart, and open mind essential. Call ★★8722.

I'm Definitely A Lesbian

(I've been out for 4 years, involved with a few women) but I don't want any more "boys." Dildos, yes—attitude, no. I want a woman who is brilliant, beautiful, smart, soft, hard, feisty, frisky and who feels as sexy in a dress as she does in her cowboy boots. I'm 23, definitely a girl but not stupid, femme or pretty. Friends or lovers. Call ★★8723.

More Boring Ad In The World

Anarcho-feminist/activist, 23, seeks friends & lover. No "instant relationship—just add water." Me: read a lot (books, comix, 'zines), more butch than femme but consider myself neither. I eat flesh sometimes & smoke. I like to go out & travel. Rowdy grrrls & geeky academics a plus. Looking for compatible same, similar or different person for fun and possible relationship. Call ★★8724.

Interested In Dating?

Single, Black, adventurous, 41 years young, butch, seeking to meet women for evening and weekend hangouts. We can do movies, dinner, concerts, etc., or we can just be mellow walking along a beach, taking a long drive somewhere, etc. I may be reserved at first but I can warm up fast if the chemistry is right. You: be feminine, attitude- and addiction-free, well-groomed, friendship/relationship-oriented, and have a sound mind and body. Call ★★8725.

We're Interesting & Wonderful Together

I'd be delighted if we met & not only discovered we had much in common, but recognized our differences as complementary! I'm in my late-30s, enjoy: walks, outdoors, art, film, literature. I'm a great cook. Love to cuddle/be cozy. Are you kind, whimsical, appreciate elegance & simplicity? No cigarettes, alcohol, drugs. Lesbians only, please! Call & let's meet for tea in Berkeley. Call ★★8726.

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World Party

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Coffee, Tea, Or Me?

This strong, confident, beautiful andro-dyke is looking for a downright fine, self-aware woman who communicates honestly and willingly. I am mid-20s, love to sing, write, talk and eat. I am a slow, sensual lover who enjoys receiving and giving pleasure. You are my age or older, aware of how you fit into the world and what that relationship means to you. You are butch-of-center, vibrant, sweet, present, not WASPy. Sobriety is your drug of choice—mine too. Let's go slow and see if the fit is right. Call ★★8730.

Let Me Out!

Desperately seeking stranger seeking Susan... or other SF women who've broken out of Roberta's closet. Not exactly a suburban housewife, but came too close for comfort—Sister Christian, the time has come! Young Murphy Brown w/ child seeks new friends to introduce me to the lavender underbelly of San Francisco. Love dancing, but too shy to hit the clubs alone. (Susan Sarandon sound-alikes especially encouraged.) Reply BT Box AG3B or call ★★8731.

Para Siempre

29 y.o. soft butch (East Bay) bi-ethnic seeks femme or same for friendship/possible LTR. Enjoys sports, music, traveling, also family-oriented (love kids). A hopeless romantic to overwhelm you w/exotic flower bouquets, massages, deep long kisses, breakfast in bed. A must for the li'l things in life we take for granted—communication and honesty. Call or write w/photo (will return): PO Box 20752, Oakland 94620 or call ★★8732.

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I Am The Woman You're Hoping To Meet...

Let's challenge ourselves to get beyond first impressions of physical appearances. 32 y.o. Berkeley-ish Jewish disabled woman wants a co-conspirator. Seeking an inquisitive and fun-loving woman. I enjoy poetry, music, movies, cooking, strolling through nature, and cuddling. Hoping to be friends... and maybe more. Let's see what happens. Call ★★8734.

I Want To Be Your Lambchop

All these years they've been teaching me to be a loud, proud, pushy, right-on Jewish dyke. That's fine, but what about the submissive femme who's gotten buried in the process? Are you the big bad butch over 40 who can feast on that lost little lamb in me without dissing or pissing on the rest of who I am? Reply BT Box AG4B.

I Seek A Clone Because I Dig Myself

You: cute to hot; about 5'3" to 5'6"; sensual, slender, bodybuilding-positive, health-conscious; inclined to 105.3, 106.1, 107.7; adore comedy; smart, sweet but somewhat sardonic; emotionally mature; little or no baggage; financially stable; ultimately desirous of a committed partnership. Call ★★8735.

Rubenesque

Earth mother dislikes solitary existence; searches for passionate companion/lover. I'm 51, 5'8", blue eyes, blond, creative, analytical, NS, ND. You're bright, well-read, warm, romantic, spiritual, politically progressive, 35+ lesbian. We enjoy jazz, poetry, nature, sports, sense of humor. You know, understand yourself; no addictive types. Not into roles; I'd rather jostle for who goes first. Therapy a bonus; MH professionals welcome. Size, race, economics unimportant. Call ★★8736.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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OH, GIMME A BREAK. ISN'T OUR FIFTEEN MINUTES UP YET?
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
LESBIANS: BETTER AT MATH?
k.d. lang ON FRACTAL THEORY, LAB ANIMAL RIGHTS
WHATSA MATTER, MO? CAN'T HANDLE THE SPOTLIGHT?
I JUST DON'T TRUST IT. I MEAN, WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT'S SO REVOLUTIONARY ABOUT NEWSWEEK TELLING US WHAT WE DO IN BED?
I SCARE WASH BLUES
BOOTS OF RUBBER, [SOTHERS] OF GOLD
LESBIANS ARE REPLACING STEP AEROBICS IN THE DEPRAVED CESSPIT OF MAINSTREAM AMERICAN CULTURE! LEMME TELL YA, WE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN WE HAD IT GOOD! MOVING INVISIBLY, BEING ON THE OUTSIDE-- THAT'S WHERE THE REAL, SUBVERSIVE POWER LIES! RIGHT, THEA?
NO WAY. SUBVERSIVE POWER IS LESBIANS IN BANANA REPUBLIK ADS.
OH.
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! SHATTERING THE MYTH THAT LESBIANS AREN'T REAL PEOPLE IS OUR SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL IN COUNTERING THE RAMPANT HOMOPHOBIA AND MISOGYNY IN SOCIETY TODAY.
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SO NEXT MONDAY IS STILL THE DUE DATE? ANY WAY TO PUSH IT BACK A FEW DAYS?
GAY GAMES
OH, PLEASE, CLARICE! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? STAND ON MY HEAD FOR A WEEK? IF THE BABY COMES, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO RESCHEDULE YOUR BIG COURTROOM SCENE!
LOOK, DON'T FIXATE ON THE DUE DATE. IT'S JUST AN APPROXIMATION. ONLY 5 PERCENT OF BABIES ACTUALLY ARRIVE ON IT. MOST COME LATER, IN FACT.
BAREFOOT 15K
GREAT! HOW MUCH LATER? TWO DAYS? THREE?
LET ME GIVE YOU A FRIENDLY TIP, CLARICE. DON'T GET TOO HUNG UP ON KEEPING A TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT, SAY, EIGHTEEN YEARS OR SO.
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You Won't Be Sorry

Andro/butch seeks same for LTR. I'm 27, short, cute, soft and sweet. Not outdoorsy or fit. Music (hard & soft), movies, comedy, walks, clubs, pool, museums, and long talks. Please be 23-32, near my size, smoke & drink, have car or live in SF, and very sincere. Asian, Filipina, Latina encouraged. No S/M or B/D. Cuteness & short hair get bonus points. Call ★★8739.

Isn't Anyone Over Their Ex?

I am! I'm a GWF, 27, natural redhead, freckles, 5'7", 175 and losing. I'm active, opinionated, cute and have a strange (sometimes sick) sense of humor. I'm a real person. I can't stomach that psychic-spiritual crap. I'm new to SF and work on the Peninsula, so it's difficult for me to meet people. I'm seeking anyone 25-35, any race, from femme to butch, smoke OK, drink OK, must like cats. Just call, I'll answer! Call ★★8740.

Can You Talk The Talk?

Need my head plugged into bodily sensations, my brain engaged. You who can coax, coach, cajole, beg, persuade, surprise & tenderly pursue & prevail. Older, but not yet wiser, eccentric wants to be wooed. I'm wild woodsy free & spirited. U be U. But this takes brains & being able-bodied. Whisper in the ear of my voice mail. Call ★★8741.

Slow Kiss

Eclectic dyke boy, 29, switch, adventurous, dimples, killer ass, with a big hard-on and a "together" life seeks similar for fun, games and more. Call ★★8742.

Disgusted

With Madonna culture, old dyke seeks other exiles from the land of respect, character, commitment, intellectual passion and long conversations. Reply BT Box AG5B.

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

So do I! This 31-yr-old blonde (gorgeous blue eyes) single GWF wants to laugh, play, drink, dance & dine. I am over past relationships and ready to start a new one with someone who knows what she wants. Seeking good-looking energetic fun-loving romantic femme for romance & play. Possible LTR. Sonoma County area. Call ★★8743.

North Bay Professional

Me: GWF, 36, 5'5", 120 lbs., seeking a partner to share life's adventures with. I believe that love and laughter can cure almost anything. NS/ND. You: financially/emotionally secure, 30-45-year-old, who might never answer an ad, but suddenly realizes that life is short and it's time for an adventure. Take a chance, respond—PO Box 2487, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★8744.

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Easygoing romantic, attractive androgynous woman in my 40s, looking to meet new friends and ultimately to find someone special with whom I can share those wonderful moments of life. Friendship is what I would like to focus on first, and if the chemistry and all are there, who is to tell what next? I said romantic and I mean that in every sense of the word; also possess a great sense of humor; I consider a good sense of humor to be wisdom and goodness combined! I enjoy quiet moments, good conversation, the outdoors, a good film, candlelit dinners, laughter, dancing, weekend getaways, my dog, sitting by a warm fire with someone special and cuddling, sending and receiving cards & flowers, and so much more! You are in your 30s-40s, attractive, feminine, sure of yourself, communicative, open, sensitive, honest and most of all are not afraid to take chances and are looking for someone special as well. Take a chance, write or call. Reply BT Box AG6B or call ★★8745.

Reluctant Romantic

Seeks unpretentious, independent thinker for dating, acquaintance and whatever else seems right. Me: 5'8", proportional build, 31, long brown hair, NS, more butch than femme, lazy athletic type, sarcastic, hopeful cynic. You: 27+, probably more femme than butch, not judgmental or sheltered, self-aware, solvent, lively curiosity, some direction in life. Share interest in movies, books, politics, culture. Psychological orientation, feminist awareness, and a sense of humor. Call ★★8746.

A Good Sense Of Humor

I love to laugh and have a good time, but like to be serious too. Looking for fun, romance, honesty, passion and whatever else you have to offer. I'm 24, tall, slender, androgynous, into cute non-butch women with a friendly smile and an open heart. Not into games or drug-users. Call me and let's talk. Call ★★8747.

Billie Holiday Has Kept Me Company

On these lonely romantic evenings without you, your sweet smile, and your exquisite kisses. I miss our walks by the water; the slender, center/androgynous look of you; your twisted sense of humor. Do you miss my love letters, my sweet surprises; my tall, large-sized, curvy in all the right places body? Come home soon, dear heart, and write soon! PO Box 9151, Oakland 94613 or call ★★8748.

Forced To Write This

By well-meaning friends, a desire to tamper with fate and the unpredictable hormones in my 40-year-old body. Imagination, romance, humor, honesty, self-confidence, spirit, passion, willingness, heart, joy, kindness, emotional generosity, depth and pizazz. Music, nature, dancing, Italy, poetry, travel, perfume, food, morning, bare shoulders, fiction, friends, autumn, kissing, cool shoes and pretty skirts (on you). Willing to add to, but not delete from this list. Reply BT Box AG7B.

Cowgirl Looking For Cowgirl

Someone who enjoys CW dancing, outdoors, travel and romantic mornings in the hay. Prefer living in the country! Not into bar scenes, drugs, alcohol, mind games, drama, S/M, butches or separatists. Long hair, tight jeans, silver buckles and pick-up truck a plus. Call ★★8749.

To Know Me Is To Love Me

Describe myself: cute, intense, androgynous lesbian, kinda artsy, kinda intellectual, kinda outdoorsy, very sexual if the attraction is there, very sweet but at times painfully difficult, 5'3", fit, and very real. Describe yourself: You tell me! I have a weak spot for emotionally strong, intense, non-racist, available women who are androgynous to femme, fit and active, and around 25-40 yrs. old. Call ★★8750.

No More Rollercoaster Rides!

Although I love rollercoaster rides at amusement parks, I'm sick of them in my personal life. I'm a mid-20 y.o. WF seeking a butchy, emotionally available woman of color to have fun. I'm very sexually motivated and you should be very secure with your sexuality. A LTR is my ultimate goal with the right woman, but friendship is equally important to me. Call ★★8751.

Check This Out!

Looking to meet women in San Francisco who have the time to make new friends. I'm a regular person who has a life. I'm just not meeting new friends in my day-to-day encounters. I happen to be single; a relationship is a possibility not a goal. Let's plan adventures and have fun! Call ★★8752.

I'm Here, Where Are You?

Let's dance a bit, laugh a lot, talk a lot, and whatever else feels comfortable to us. Looking for funny, outgoing, honest, passionate women to do fun and serious stuff with. I'm slender, fit, 30, androgynous, into cute femmish to androgynous women. Extra bonus if you're non-racist and politically aware. Let's laugh, flirt, and maybe share some special moments. Call ★★8753.

Any Lesbians In The South Bay?

Is there a reason why all the lesbians seem to live in Oakland? The Silicon Valley is kind of yuppie, but not everyone is purely mainstream. Prof. SWF, 31 y.o., 5'5", 130 lbs. Very much into the outdoors, health & fitness, funny movies, deep conversation & fun-loving romance seeking feminine woman (please no bi-curious) for companionship & romance. I am sexually & spiritually aware & vegetarian and deeply admire honesty, integrity & a desire for self-exploration. Life is as positive as you make it. Let's laugh together! Call ★★8754.

Cliches Got You Down? Need "A Win-Win Situation"?

Sense of humor and creative imagination housed in a well-educated mind and sports-loving body. You're NS, 30s or 40s, into outdoor activities, dancing, misc. events and are secure enough to admit liking "The Simpsons." If you're attracted to normalcy and old-fashioned values of honesty, commitment and communication, give me a call. There are too many fun things to do here. Let's share some good times. Call ★★8755.

Womyn Of Color Seeks

Womyn of non-color (white), you should be femme to earthy, possess the secret of joy, extremely affectionate, waiting to exhale, great sense of humor, flirtatious, sexual. Have your own definition of sexy. Able to communicate with and without words. Perfection, career-oriented, non-monogamy is a no-no. I believe anything worthwhile is worth waiting for and everything happens for a reason... Your move. Call ★★8756.

Free Ride: Emotional Rollercoaster Pisces Babydyke

I don't believe 100% in astrology but Pisces is a good description of me. You are committed, communicative, emotionally present and own your shit (isn't my therapist smart!). You are also smart, funny and sexually open. Friendship, love or both. CW dancing, movies and food are my fun but I'll try anything. Call ★★8757.

Playful, But Serious

36, soft butch looking for femme women to have fun with. I want more intimacy in my life. I would like honesty and communication of feelings. I'm 5'2", 140 lbs., brown hair and eyes. I enjoy being playful, joking. I love animals, children and nature. I'm interested in meeting women over 28 for dating and, of course, working on issues, being there for each other, working out problems. I enjoy cuddling, being romantic, giving & hopefully receiving. I'm also in recovery and spiritually growing and want to add more fullness and love in my life. Call ★★8758.

Your Wishes Are My Pleasure

Your eyes are fixed upon mine as your body is caged in my arms. Your hot ass is still singing sweetly under my firm hand. Striking your skin repeatedly, you attempt escaping my grasp, you know now you are my captive and it's where you belong. Your eyes burn into mine as you softly cry, "Daddy, thank you daddy... please take me now for your pleasure." Big leather daddy bear, 35. Call ★★8759.

Love, Friends

Intelligent, growth-oriented, fit, attractive, sexual woman—health, herbs—would like to meet self-grown, positive, hot, androg/butch, soft, over 5'6", fit, 45-55, for cafe conversation, relationship. Please have passion for life. Points for born white-blonde hair "Irish" type, strong, loving. Call ★★8760.

J.—I'm Hungry

Come on, baby. You know where to find my wet cunt. I don't wanna wait no more for my papa. Your butch fist is so fine. This little slut needs you. My femme fury must be quenched. Meet me on the street. JS. Call ★★8761.

Looking For Love

Androgynous young lesbian GWF seeks lover or friends or both. I am 5'8", 125 lbs., attractive, brown hair and eyes. Good sense of humor, passionate, but a little shy, easy to please, understanding, lonely, horny. Looking for attractive, androgynous women, 25-35 y.o., for possible relationship. Must like children (I have a one-year-old), kissing, holding hands, cuddling, walks in the park, going to the movies, sex! I will answer all letters. Hurry! Where are you?! Reply BT Box AG8B.

Unsubtle

Femme, 47, looking for butch who understands reciprocity, compromise, commitment, intellectual curiosity, and good sex. Walking on water not necessary, even so, but psychological trendiness anathema. Does this woman exist in the single state? If I blatantly announce that I'm looking for a partner, will no one answer this ad? Call ★★8762.

Opera And Apres Opera

When I placed this message last year, 15 women answered who weren't really interested in opera. If you want to answer my ad this time and honestly don't care about opera, just tell me what it is you do like. Acceptable alternatives include food, sex & the outdoors. Reply BT Box AG9B or call ★★8763.

No Shoppers Please!!

Not interested in anyone that likes to shop the *SFBT* personals, but am not looking for an immediate marriage either. I'm 33, GWF, graduate student that works one job to support her "habit" of paying rent and another to fulfill her passion for education (literature and language). I have a sarcastic wit and a huge heart, love my family, my friends, books, children, music, laughing, nature and sports. I'm looking for an *employed*, intelligent, fairly happy, "outdoorsy" woman. I don't do drugs, alcohol or cigarettes and I would prefer someone who doesn't either. Call ★★8764.

Naughty Nubian...

Seeks equally naughty playmate. Dynamic, smart, savvy sister, 41, has what it takes to show you a most memorable time. Time and time again! Crave that casual contact without all that dyke drama? Crave carnal and cerebral? Baby, what are you waiting for? Call now & find out for yourself. You won't regret it—uh huh! (No smokers or abusers.) Call ★★8765.

You Called Biker Seeks Babe

L, 37, called ad twice on 8/17, I accidentally erased 1st message w/your phone number. You sounded interesting. Please call back. Make daddy happy and get in touch w/me. Call ★★8766.

See Who I Really Am...

...and desire the real me. MTF transsexual, arts professional, 35+, in midst of well-planned transition, is lovely and loving, pretty, and prettier all the time. I am intelligent, witty, creative, strong and energetic; and I dance beautifully. I also enjoy theater, outdoors, travel and quiet pursuits. A deeply romantic soul, and a young girl's spirit, luckily coupled with just enough seasoned realism. I want to be in love, and explore my new sexuality in a committed context, with a gentle "butch" or FTM boyfriend. Want to desire and court a sweet girlfriend? Call ★★8767.

I Love To Laugh!

Playful, affectionate, spontaneous, funny femme-of-center wants to share romance et al with playful bright woman. I am creative, bright, sometimes serious, psychologically aware, gentle-natured and assertive. I enjoy board games and poker with friends, garage sales, county fairs, the sky, comedy, movies, theater and quiet times at home. I like to do things I've never done before as much as I like to veg out with the TV or a book. I'm 35, average height/weight. I'd like you to be mid-30s to low-40s, not threatened by strong, assertive femme, non-smoker, occasional drink OK, non-judgmental. I hold myself accountable for my behavior and responsible for my feelings (even if I don't know what they are till the next day). Call ★★8768.

How Long Before My Bisexuality Expires?

Help renew my membership! Dig: buzz-headed, dress-wearin' BiWF, 30, artist, writer, stoner, ignorer of sexual stereotypes, sometimes beautiful/plain seeks funny, emotionally deep, sexually uninhibited women for friendship, smoochin' and slippery sex. No duh! Everyone likes movies, fireplaces & walks on the beach. Question is: Do we like each other? Awkward first conversations my specialty! Try one today! Call ★★8769.

Survived Catholic School

Athletic single Black female seeks unattached female for fun times. Seeking companionship, romance as well as new friends. Must be open to exploring new and exciting experiences. Would like to meet a sensual, attractive, fun-loving, spontaneous, independent and active woman. Not into games, roles, B/D or S/M. Let's have fun before the summer's over. Call ★★8770.

Watch Out For The Babe Trap...

Two single, feminine, attractive, 30something lesbians seek same with these qualities: well-balanced, healthy-minded & bodied, growth & goal oriented, creative, socially conscious, adventurous, present in the moment, good-hearted and passionately enjoy life. We are organizing a group to meet on a regular basis to make new friends and have fun. If you're interested and feel that you are within the age range of about 30ish to 40ish, write us a letter describing yourself with a photo (not necessarily of yourself!). Reply BT Box AG10B or call ★★8771.

Tall Women

Let's meet! Be: over 5'9", 30s-50s, interested in seeing other women eye-to-eye, expanding horizons, taking (not losing more) chances, getting on with it! Special invite to reply if you were on crutches at '50s dance, Olive Oyl's—you inspired me to write this ad. Maybe respondents to ad can meet as a group sometime (or not). Reply BT Box AG11B or call ★★8772.

join the SSS

Summer Shindigs for Single women—mid-30s-mid-40s, currently gathering for weekly cafe soirees to plan dinner parties, artistic sojourns, brunches, bike rides, beach jaunts, lowdown bbqs, game nights, musical/theatrical/cultural events & assorted whatnots. please be attractive, dynamic, mature, eclectic, creative, fun-loving w/a great sense of equanimity. must be relatively sane to share responsible space & time w/ adventurous souls. pls pls pls—no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★8773.

Mood Rings

Wedgies, disco, decoupage, and shag anything makes me sick. If you want to go out with a witty, attractive, sick-humored and utterly charming gal, give me a call. Tall, blonde, good bod, hopeless romantic. Like to laugh and explore. You're femme, single and wickedly beautiful. You eat meat, you're seductive and you talk to my cat. You wonder why I don't wear my chaps more often. Call ★★8774.

My Best Friend

Needs a great date! She is very smart, great-looking, exceptionally funny, wise, witty and urbane. She is worldly, interesting, energetic, stylish and experienced. Now for the good stuff—she is single, very sexy and a frisky 40-year-old. Did I say that she works too much? You are all the above and probably 28-40 years old. Make her late for work. Call ★★8775.

A Touch Of Class

Are you ready for it? A youthful, early 40ish, lipstick, polished, fit type, petite & straight-looking femme for rendezvous of exploration & travels into whatever is meant to be will be. Seeking a sophisticated, over 40, soft butch, fit type. NS/ND. Sincere singles only reply. PO Box 424391, SF 94142 or call ★★8776.

My Roomie Said...

I look like Joan Chen's slutty sister, so I flushed his Prozac down the toilet. Queer Japanese-American dyke, 27, seeks dykes and dykettes (to mid-30s) for coffee binges, artsy happenings and blah-de-blah. I smoke, I drink and I like it, dammit! Can you lure the butchy-femme dyke trapped in this gurrrl's femmey-butch body out to play? Theory chicks and boho babes with gazelle-faced features get a free pack of tofu pups. Will wear frilly blouses and cook nutritious meals and do laundry for real Joan Chen look-alikes! Call ★★8777.

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SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

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Tahoe-Yosemite Bound

GWF, 40s, seeks same, 35-50, as travel companion for weekday trip, 3-4 days, Lake Tahoe & another time 2 or 3 days camping in Yosemite, anytime from now until Sept. 15. Must be energetic, adventurous, sincere, honest & nice! Call ★★8827.

Workout Partner Needed

Muscular guy is seeking someone big and muscular as a workout partner. I want to get huge and need some help. No drugs. Available to workout M-F after 6:30; weekends open. I'm very reliable and dependable, am looking for same. Call ★★8828.

Mills High Grads

Classes of 1976, 1977 & 1978 (Burlingame & Millbrae)—missed the latest reunion? Curious to know who else came out/in from the 'burbs? How 'bout a cup of coffee? Potluck? Call ★★8829.

Lonely? Isolated? Depressed?

Desperate? Suicidal? Do these words describe you: moody, deeply sensitive/feeling, questor, idealist, introspective, brooding, artistic, tragic romantic, intense, meaninglessness, integrity, intuitive, writer, emotional, growth/relationship-oriented, different, teacher, self-aware, private, unappreciated, journals, passionate, truth-seeking, authentic, spiritual, black sheep? If yes, you are special, gifted, sensitive to other's needs, but suffer from lack of understanding/appreciation. We have much to share. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★8830.

Transcontinental Cruisin'

Companion/co-driver needed for leisurely trip by car to Key West. Leaving early September for 4-5 weeks. Partial trip OK as long as we have 2 drivers as far as Atlanta. Share expenses, tall tales and adventures with an amiable 45 y.o. GWM raconteur. This isn't a sex ad, but open if chemistry's right. "Banker Turned Bohemian" from Santa Cruz (*SFBT* 7/1) especially encouraged to respond. Call ★★8831.

Massage Exchange

CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8832.

Dreamers/Dream Workers

GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say: "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8833.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★8834.

Pen Pals Wanted

From England, Ireland, Scotland. Bay Area lesbian seeks gay and lesbian contacts for future trip to the U.K. Call ★★8835.

Let's Talk About It

Seeking other queers with cleft palate/lip for support/conversation, etc. Call ★★8836.

Intercambio

Espanol por ingles. Necesito pracitar espanol. Me gustaria platicar con alguien en espanol con regularidad (cada semana), y puedo ayudarle practicar ingles. Soy hombre, 31, amable. Vivo en Berkeley. Tengo muchos intereses y he ayudado a otra gente mejorar su ingles. Call ★★8837.

Study Partner

I go to school at SF State and live in the East Bay. I am looking for someone who goes to school (doesn't matter what the major is) and wants to study together. Having someone to go to the library with or stay up late to cram is motivating and fun. So call soon, school starts in two weeks! Call ★★8838.

Women Of Color Visual Artists

Chinese-American visual artist seeks other queer sisters who share strong commitment to art & radical politics, whether we do "political art" or not. Let's share & discuss our work, swap strategies for economic, artistic, mental, spiritual survival. "Crafts" & non-traditional media encouraged. All queer women of color welcome. Asians especially encouraged. No biphobia, please. Call ★★8839.

Dance Partner

Tall, warm, real, handsome, professional male, 6'2", 180, 41, excellent natural dancer, seeks female dance partner, strong but easy lead and teacher; swing, '50s, Latin, funk, western, jitterbug, "dirty" dancing, waltz, you name it. Smooth not studio-stiff. I remind people of Fred Astaire. Call ★★8840.

How Does A Round Of Golf Sound?

Pretty good, huh? I would like to get out and play more golf this year. Summer is almost over. Would like to meet women who are playing on a regular basis or who would like to. I shoot about 100. Open to playing on courses in the Bay Area. Let's get a tee time. Call ★★8841.

World Music

Do your friends think you are odd when you introduce them to a millet germinating song from the highlands of Taiwan? Bird call songs of the pygmies? Share with me instead. East Bay woman looking for others with whom to expand her musical horizon. Call ★★8842.

Guitar And Singing

Asian male student, learning to sing and play guitar, seeks others who share these interests to help me learn. San Francisco, please. Call ★★8843.

m MESSAGES

Castro Muni

Thursday, 8/5, 7:50 am, underground station—you're blond, medium height, slim, dark suit, appear European, stood near the door of crowded train. I'm dark blond, similar build, was wearing dark blue shirt, black pants, black tie, carrying blue knapsack. I got out at Powell St. We exchanged glances—I suspect neither of us wanted to be intrusive—would you like to get together for coffee? Call ★★8856.

World Party

To that gorgeous soft butch who wore her Calvins hiked above her waist at the Warfield, 7/23, we caught each other's eye at intermission. I was ushering, but ditched my duty to find you dancing (shirtless, too) to World Party stage right in the pit. I desire to know everything about you. Call and I'll rock your world. Call ★★8857.

Cafe Flore, Saturday, 8/14, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

You were sitting at a corner table inside with two women (I hope not your girlfriend). You have shoulder length light brown curly hair and a beautiful smile. I was three tables away trying to catch your eye. Did I succeed? I would love to meet you. No, I've never tried this but I was struck by your beauty and decided to chance it. Call ★★8858.

10 pm, 8/13, Outside Cafe Flore

I have seen you a dozen times on the street in the Castro. I smile. You smile. I smile back... standing on the corner outside Cafe Flore at 10 pm on Friday, you walked by, you smiled once, twice, as you entered the gate. I was with friends. You were alone. Call me. Call ★★8859.

Minneapolis She-Ra

M., your friends in Minnesota and Berkeley are looking for you. Call J.C. or call ★★8860.

If You Called Someone Special

I accidentally erased two messages, one from T. & one on Aug. 17. Please call back. Call ★★8861.

The Long Hot Summer

To the four of you: Yum. From Mykonos to Kenton Mines to Mollie Brown's to Art's Cafe, this has been a real long hot summer. You have each contributed, and given till it hurt. Delicious. I honor you and thank you. You are unparalleled in my extensive experience and I can't wait to thrill & be thrilled by each of you again. Call ★★8862.

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Eric's Restaurant, 8/5

You were attractive Asian man, in brown leather jacket, with 3 friends. I was white male with my lesbian friend at next table. You smiled at me early on, then we exchanged smiles as I left. Shall we meet? PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8864.

t TRANS

BiWM Bottom, 21

6', long blond hair, into cross-dressing, looking for TVs or male couple (must be femme), no facial hair, for fun time. Please smoke, but be disease-free. Call ★★8816.

Still Looking For That Sincere, Honest Man

Pre-op SWF, 27, 5'11", 40-32-41, without implants, wishes to be treated like a "non-transsexual woman" by a caring, concerned man around 30, 6'+, mature, quiet, and well-built. If you're looking for a TV or she-male, I'm the wrong lady for you. I won't partake in any activity in conflict with my sexual identity. I'm still waiting for Mr. Right. Call ★★8817.

bi BISEXUAL

Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife who is committed to making our marriage work and encourages my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box AG300B or call ★★8791.

Join WOB

Wives of Bisexuals (WOB), a small, progressive group of heterosexual women married to bisexual men, is seeking members to join new support group. We are looking for positive, articulate married women willing to share experiences, marriage challenges and coping mechanisms for living a successful alternative lifestyle. Please contact by phone or letter. Reply BT Box AG301B or call ★★8792.

Curious Lesbian Virgin

I'm a 29 y.o. lesbian and, sadly, still a virgin. Some of you guys at this year's parade were so cute that I must finally give in. I've always wanted to, but I've been too shy (and nervous). I'm sweet, gentle, very curious and, surprise, I'm feminine and cute. I'm looking for a similar-aged cute gay guy who's also a virgin to explore a sexual experience with me. Please be kind, not into leather or S/M, and hopefully be kinda cute. I'm HIV- and very confidential. You must be too. Respond and enclose a snapshot (if you want). Reply BT Box AG302B or call ★★8793.

Unique Nice BiDWM Seeks BiF

Aware, balanced, caring, com(passionate), decent, evolved, fair, giving, intuitive, loving, loyal, nurturing, open, outgoing, romantic, sexy, sincere. Photo/write all about yourself. Call ★★8794.

Bigger, Better Orgasms?

Orgasm-addicted (and proud of it!) StM seeks others (G, Bi, St M or F—any age) searching for ways to boost Big O duration, intensity and frequency. Purpose: share ideas and experiences. Will share all info collected with anyone who calls. Call ★★8795.

BiAM Seeks Moustached Men

Very handsome married BiAM, 35, 160 lbs., tall, moustached, sincere & versatile seeks bi white male for discreet daytime hot & sweaty, safe & sane fun. No strings. You must have a moustache, 25-40, masculine, muscular & straight-acting. Blue collar or Castro clone a plus. Please send your letter/photo (returnable) to Boxholder, PO Box 641372, SF 94164 or call ★★8796.

Kinky Companion Wanted For Good Times

BiWM, 31, 5'10", 140 lbs., HIV-, attractive. Desires bi or gay males or females under 35 for good times. Straight in public but very kinky & uninhibited in private. I'm romantic, cuddly, fun, like to party and single. Monogamy still exists. Good times are a phone call away. Open to short or long-term relationship. Let's lock the door and party till we drop. Call ★★8797.

Vaguely Bi Gay Boy Seeks Vaguely Bi Lesbian

To try out a first (or "almost" first) time sexual experience with the "opposite" sex. I enjoy flirting with women in mixed queer environments but find it difficult to pursue my curiosity. I'm in my late-20s, boyishly cute, shy with a tendency toward silliness and sensitive. I'd like someone similar, though the boyishly cute part is certainly optional. Call ★★8798.

Once A Week Is OK

My female partner (open relationship), kids, and job keep me busy, but still I'd like a man to date on a regular basis. I'm a bisexual, sympathetic, articulate, sensuous, athletic, 44, 5'8", 140 lbs., pre-op transsexual with beautiful long hair, a caring touch, and a responsive body. I love older men, especially hairy ones, and enjoy lots of different kinds of food, entertainment and sex. Call ★★8799.

S&M Lite

White male, 36, in Pacific Heights, seeks cute boy or girl, under 21, for light spanking, bondage and to attend cool sex clubs in SoMa area. Prefer boys who look like girls and girls who look like boys. Confirmed lesbians and boys with real breasts interested in masturbation only are also encouraged to clal. Call ★★8800.

Let's Go Make Some Noise

Tall and sexy butch dyke, 34, seeks sexually available fag for the queerest kind of queer sexual adventures. Imagination, fire & energy a must. Also would like to give a straight married woman her first hot lesbian experience. Seduction my forte. Call ★★8801.

Sensuous Samurai In South Bay

BiWM, 39, blue/gray, topman, desires female play buddy for fun, fantasies & friendship, into adventurous sex, long rides on my motorcycle, music and mischief. If you are bisexual, tall and imaginitive are definite pluses. Call ★★8802.

Dirty Fury

Beautiful goddess seeks only those craving low-down dirty humiliating fury. I will call you, so be ready. Delicious panties to tease you with. Call ★★8803.

Sex Addict

Male sex addict seeks female sex addict. No other requirements. Others need not respond. Bisexual. Call ★★8804.

Straight/Bisexual Men

Are you between 20-40, very good-looking, extremely masculine and hung like a horse and wonder what it's like to get head from a 32-year-old, hot, masculine stud who guarantees it will be better than any woman can give—leave a message in my box. Call ★★8805.

Summer Break

BiWM & BiAM both are mid-20s, college jocks & having summer break. Like to try something different this summer. We are looking for gals who are under 32 y.o. and in good shape only for threesome. If this is also what you have been fantasizing, please contact us. Call ★★8806.

Pleasanton Area

I am a single, attractive, well-built, masculine, athletic, tall (6 ft. plus), HIV-, 38-yr-old, bi white male. I enjoy swimming, x-country skiing, hiking, camping and roller blading. I am seeking an attractive, firm, well-built, HIV-, bi male, 25-40 yrs. old, for fun, friendship and possible relationship. Call ★★8807.

Come Share All Your Fantasies With Me!

Young beautiful bi woman with bedroom eyes looking for other exotic bi woman (18-30 years old) to make all your fantasies come true... Call ★★8808.

Male Couple Seeks Bisexual Man

Masculine, fun-loving, interracial couple seeks bi man interested in exploring male-to-male sexuality and intimacy in a comfortable space, within long-term friendship. We're 6'2", 155# and 6', 170#, 40ish professionals into leather, wrestling, music, the arts, good food and the outdoors, among other things. If your girlfriend/wife wants to watch, that's OK. Write 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

Writers And Poets

A 42-year-old, masculine writer/poet, single father WM bisexual, who is sober, a considerate smoker, somewhat new to meeting men, desires literate types for a bread, cheese and sodomy evening. Please be, like myself, HIV-, discreet, trim, versatile, uninhibited, stable. Looking for steady buddie(s) rather than one offs. Live in San Francisco. Call ★★8809.

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Scatbears Make Me Hard

Me: bearded, brn/grn, 5'7", 140#, lithe body, moderately furry, nice cock, in my 20s, good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. I'm looking for a couple of good, dirty-minded, eager-to-please scatrogues and rimdogs. You: bearded, hairy biker trash, furry mountain man, or burly bear with an appetite. Other fur-bearing critters welcomed to respond. Must have a beard and be good-looking. Age unimportant. I'm looking for bottoms, not tops or mutuals. Extra points for good kissers. Write with a photo and we'll discuss fantasies and limits. Daddy and daddy's boy, verbal abuse, other scenes possible. Reply BT Box AG70B or call ★★8870.

Black Man Wanted

39 y.o. professional, masculine GWM, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, seeks masculine GBM, 30-45, for friendship and possible LTR. My interests include tennis, working out, Macintosh computers, hiking, cooking, reading and spending quiet evenings at home with friends. I'm masculine, very discreet and in pretty good shape. I'm interested in meeting someone who is honest, sincere, educated and/or professional, HIV- and in reasonable shape. You don't have to share all my interests. Give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★8871.

Traveling Houseboy

Adventurous & distinguished South Bay GWM, red-blond, blue eyes, 6'2", late-30s, seeks young, average to good-looking, sexually versatile young gay male, 18-23, as live-in traveling companion. Background unimportant. Prefer one who is HIV-, but will consider one who is HIV+. This is not an offer of financial support. Send letter and photo to PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252.

Looking For A Prince

I've kissed a lot of handsome toads; now I'm looking for a prince. I'm 42, 6', 180 lbs., HIV-, brown hair and eyes that change color from time to time. I love books, cats, hiking, cooking, travel and long walks over the hills in a bracing wind. If you're 35-45 (more or less), have lots of interests, and want a prince to share your throne, call ★★8872.

Husky-Hot-Horny

GWM, good-looking, healthy, seeks daytime recreational sex—270+ lbs., 6'1", late 40s, 46" waist, like all ages, races and sizes! Love sitting around naked watching porno—very oral, will experiment, WS. Write and let's get naked as soon as we meet and see what comes up! PO Box 31754, SF 94131.

3-Way Sex Adventure

2 hot, masculine studs, 29, 6'5", 195 lbs., brn/grn and 35, 6', 170 lbs., brn/grn, seek athletic uninhibited sex from horny young guys, 20-35. No commitments, just lots of cum-squirting sex! Send photo, number to PO Box 606, Redwood City 94064.

Very Handsome Mexican Seeks Caucasian Yuppie!

Being yuppie isn't a prerequisite. I just think they're sexy. Anyway... this 22, 5'11", blk/brn, smooth and slim GHM WLTM GM who's straight-acting, very attractive, over 5'9", in-shape, honest, relationship-minded, under 36, somewhat aggressive. Giants fan, with a full head of hair, positive outlook, and great smile. I believe in physical attraction, commitment, love and dreams that can someday come true. My turn-ons include trucks, baseball hats and Will Clark. Give me a call and let's try to turn forever into a reality... Cool! Call ★★8873.

Handsome And Manly

5'10", 170#, 30, br/grn, short beard, smooth, fit, educated, musical, affectionate, gutsy, honest, open, communicative, gentle, trustworthy, caring and lovable, with sense of humor and marvelous friends, looking for another man to spend some enjoyable time with. Open to seeing a relationship develop gently. Looking for good-looking GWM with facial hair, reasonable weight, non-smoker, 30-50, with same personal values. Prefer (not require) blond, hairy. Interests: science, music, personal growth, CW, reading, outdoors, fun and peace. Russian River area. Call ★★8874.

Interested In Intimacy?

GWM, 165#, 6', br/bl, HIV-, moustache, early-40s, professional, stable, sexually versatile, good sense of humor, seeks young to middle-aged man capable of intimacy/honesty. Varied interests: intellectual, cultural, quiet evenings at home, outdoors, travel, fiction, fun times and good sex. You: nonsmoker, HIV-, affectionate, positive energy, nice/good-looking, no specific stereotype. Let's talk if the timing is right for you. Reply BT Box AG71B or call ★★8875.

Bikinis, G-Strings, Thongs

I live to wear my bikini. I need friends who can appreciate and share my passion for skimpy swimsuits. Come with me. Let's enjoy the thrill of the scantiest bikinis and tan lines. Let me share my collection with you. I hope you have a collection to share with me too. SWM, 35, 6'2", 165, long hair, beard. Let's go to the beach, lake, river or pool and catch a few rays. Call ★★8876.

Rogaine Refusenik

51-year-old GM, slim, with prostate pressure, seeks younger gay men for friendship, possible relationship. I like men who are optimistic, easy-going, domestic, fit, health-conscious, rational, unconventional, energetic, horny, nonsmoking, and not into bars, attitude, the 12-steps, or unemployment. I'm a good listener, verbal, career-oriented, HIV-, with crazy sense of humor, and like self-development, skepticism, writing, psychology, exercise, art deco, ballet, cats, opera and plants. Boxholder, PO Box 14523, SF 94114 or call ★★8877.

Bodybuilder Couple Seeks Third

Bodybuilder duo, ages 29 and 31, both hunky, dark and handsome, with competition caliber physiques, both well-hung and healthy, seek third in-shape stud, age 21-35, with a very well-built body and creative mind, for fun times. You should be healthy, uninhibited, and love to worship big dick and get your butt serviced by two of the hottest topmen around. Or, if you're new to the gay scene and/or just like watching two big hot men making passionate love, we're exhibitionists at heart and would enjoy showing off for you. Interested in either scenario? Send photo/phone to BT Box AG72B or call ★★8878.

Armchair Radical And Intellectual Dilletante

Unpretentious international businessman loves to discuss literature, philosophy and politics while hiking in the hills, drinking beer to the sounds of live music, or having energetic and versatile sex anywhere and everywhere. People wonder why I'm gay given my utter failure as a cook, housekeeper and fashion plate. Am looking for someone to domesticate me without dampening my passion for travel, foreign cultures and the exotic and unknown. I'm an attractive GWM, 6'1", 40, 180 lbs., smooth, with brn/green. If you're an attractive Asian or Hispanic that's younger and shorter, it would be a plus... but am open to other men who share my passions & interests. Call ★★8879.

Classic 19'0 Coupe

White body, gray top, minor scratches, nice rumble seat, fitted for skirts. Traditional Aristotelian engineering modernized to Nietzschean Dionysiac standards, a blending of Natasha F. and Pr Mishkin, smokes a bit. Desires fully mature off-the-main-road driver for theater, dancing, starlit nights, creating the heights of ecstasy. Non-Republicans address inquiries to PO Box 170113, SF 94117.

Bring The Kids!!!

Sunday afternoon? I'd rather take kids to the zoo or a Giants game than hang out at the Eagle. Visiting my nieces in L.A. makes me envy my sister, and folks say I'd make a great dad. I'm good at cooking family meals and helping with homework, and after the kids are all asleep it's daddy's turn to play! I'm handsome, healthy, stable, hard-working, religious, with a strong sense of loyalty, humor and whimsy. But I'm no Ward Cleaver! My politics are closer to Dorothy Day and the Berrigans than the Pope, and the kids don't need to know about my very special toy box. Building a relationship takes great care, hard work and planning; all the more so with kids involved. If you're a single father who would like to share the work and the joys, if you want to hug and kiss someone your own age, someone who might tuck you into bed for a change, if you're reasonably attractive, educated and progressive I'll pay for the sitter on our first date. Letter and photo to BT Box AG73B or call ★★8880.

Different/Depth

Most of these ads seem the same, but this one is different and this is how our life should be. Call me! I'm tired of the ad process and of bars. I'm 52 y.o., HIV+, who wants a friend for in-depth relating, traveling, all cultural things, fitness, walking, hiking and cooking. This could be fun. Call ★★8881.

Positive Positive Positive

Bad virus. Good attitude. Firm opinions. Strong, handsome, healthy, three-piece office type by day, leatherman by night; 38, 5'11", 180# w/red hair/beard, blue eyes, NS/ND, mostly top, seeks furry, mature, libidinous pervert to share life's pleasures. I find sex easily, am looking for ongo-

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ing affection and possible commitment. Aside from lots of fucking, kissing, tit play, perineophagy and explorative S/M, I enjoy opera, R.C. mass, reading, cooking, and movies on the VCR. Adventure is more exciting than similarity, so we may overlap or contrast in any number of ways. Send letter & photo to BT Box AG74B or call ★★8882.

"Just To Be Close To You"

Very handsome GAM, 29 yrs. old, 5'8", 140 lbs., blk/brn, versatile, looking for safe sex buddies between 18-40, HIV-, race unimportant. Photo gets immediate reply. Interests: music, arts, theater, classic movies, biking, just to name a few. Reply to J.R., PO Box 6351, Concord 94520. Bi & married dudes, come on, respond, "you won't be sorry." Call ★★8883.

First Time

GWM, 51, 5'10", 165, HIV-, self-employed, financially secure, seeks younger M to share life with. Interests include laughter, travel, reading, dining out, movies and quiet times together. You should be under 40, HIV-, attracted to older men. Reply BT Box AG75B or call ★★8884.

Long Hair And Pecs

... jumpstart my libido (so I've cultivated them both). Comfortable in environments other than consensus reality, conformity, or anywhere near a TV set. I'm involved with social activism, Jung, serious astrology, and I converse passionately about almost anything. Hardly cute. I'm impressive-looking: 6'2", 168#, agreeably gymmed, 52 and considerately top-ish. If you're somewhat younger, thin or muscular, sorta an activist and/or nonconformist, with gentle but ardent sexual appetites; if you talk about your feelings and ideas, and handle material reality well; and especially if you have long hair and a mind to match—maybe we can share affection, reconstruct the universe, and have fun in bed. PO Box 170217, SF 94117 or call ★★8885.

A Charmed Life

Now in my early 40s, I live what is perhaps as charmed a life as I can imagine. Yet having known the value of a special relationship, I long to meet another GWM who feels likewise. Healthy (HIV-), fit, very masculine and attractive, you are these as well and you have the luxury of time and the inclination to share it. My interests are many and varied: I especially enjoy travel, fine food and wines. Although I reside in Sonoma County, I am interested in meeting men in SF as I am often there. If you are sincere and open to meeting me, call and hear more. Reply BT Box AG76B or call ★★8886.

Your Cock Is King

Let's get creative and sensual. You sit back and relax—guide me in long, slow sessions of wet & warm cock worship. I'll stop occasionally and tell you how great you are. We can think of other sensual activities as we go—dog collar? Water sports, body worship (kiss your ass for hours), humiliation? No reciprocation wanted, no pain. You: well-toned, sexy. Me: Latin, handsome, 34, eager. Reply BT Box AG77B or call ★★8887.

Amaze Your Friends!

Surprise yourself, even! Take a short, older lover ... Me, for instance! You're cute to handsome, smart, stable, creative and romantic. I'm 5'6", 130, 46, HIV-, not bad looking, affectionate and honest. Although not buffed, wealthy or well-endowed—and you may be wondering why bother—I am caring, monogamous, passionate, attentive, empathetic, and a helluva friend. Perhaps you can have any man you see, but maybe I'm the one you need. A letter and a photo would be great. Reply BT Box AG78B or call ★★8888.

I Need An Asian Man In My Arms

Caucasian male, 38, 5'10", 155, blond, nonsmoker, seeks smooth Asian man for arousing encounters. Please be 18-35, shorter than I am, and a nonsmoker. Write to: R., PO Box 470901, SF 94147. Photo appreciated; all letters answered.

Looking For A French Connection?

Well, I'm ready for an American one, as long as you have a little bit of European "sensibility." I am a French-born GWM, age 35, 5'11", 165 lbs., blk/br, very good-looking, HIV-, cleanshaven and have a great smile! Witty, sarcastic and always right, can you deal with that? But I'm also spontaneous, very romantic and sincere. I'm looking for someone 22-35 who is mature, intelligent, good-looking and cleanshaven. Let's talk and start as friends! Call ★★8889.

Gorgeous, Athletic, Exotic

Me: 5'8", 150 lbs., very muscular, healthy HIV+, tan, cleanshaven, dark hair, brown eyes, 29 years old. Into pumping iron, romance/monogamy/fidelity/trust, honesty, movies, healthy eating, travel, animal rights, spirituality, etc. Looking for someone the same, not into drugs, pot, cigs or alcohol, who has lots of time to spend building friendship/marriage. Easygoing, Middle Eastern, Caucasian or Latin a plus. Call ★★8890.

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Athletic Nerds, Please?

Very high quality GWM, 44, 5'10", 155, seeks younger buddy, 20-30. Eros begins between the ears and then wanders. I like creative types with a strong personality to match mine. I appreciate weirdness, when it's genuine. Kinky is OK, too. People sometimes call me "Einstein" on the streets. However, my butt is much nicer than Einstein's. Call ★★8892.

Attractive Asian

Attractive, intelligent, athletic, successful and HIV-GAM, 29, 5'10", 150 lbs., seeks similar, HIV-, GWM between 25 & 35. It seems like most of the goals I've strived for are there now and I'm starting to look at the beginning of the rest of my life. Call me and let's see what happens. Call ★★8893.

Man Seeks Man

Good-looking masculine, blond/bl, 6'1", 180, athletic, 31-yr-old, vers/btm, medical student. Looking for dating/relationship with emotionally mature man, 25-45ish, who's solid & comfortable with himself. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, snow, cooking, hot sex, clouds, evenings at home, arts, work-out, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, more sex & honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share the future again. Photo pls (will return) to: M.S., PO Box 460921, SF 94146-0921 or call ★★8894.

Down To It

Are you a redhead (orange, that is), or just your pubes? Do you have freckles, too? Wow! You're bright, creative, sexy, sincere, and clear-headed. I'm handsome, sometimes mistaken for Puerto Rican or Cuban, 37, 6', 190#, HIV-, black goatee, chestnut brown eyes. My mind, mouth and crotch are waiting. Send letter and photo (returned) to BT Box AG79B or call ★★8895.

Muscular Leatherpig

Hot, hairy, handsome, mid-30s, into versatile WS, S/M, tit and assplay, 5'7", solid 175, with brown hair/moustache and blue/green eyes. Looking to tumble another muscular stud with similar proclivities. Healthy HIV+ body/sick mind. Other cerebral stats include incoherency in four languages, piano proficiency for the hearing impaired, and a grade school diploma. Call ★★8896.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages: love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★8897.

Seeking A Friend And Maybe More!

If you are a masculine GM, 35-55, honest, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, versatile but usually top, sensitive, tired of bar scene, I'm a very young 55, tall, handsome, tanned, cleanshaven, brown eyes and short hair. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, dining out, Giants, A's, 49ers, travel, living in SF, lots of sex, hiking, walks, beaches, giving and getting massage, sense of humor, quiet romantic evenings with someone special! Don't be shy! Reply Box 321, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★8898.

Black Male

Preferred by WM, mid-50s, attractive, 6', 175#, HIV+, survivor, physically fit. Likes gym, theater, music, spiritual (not religious), affection, sex, outdoors, travel, alternative treatments. For friendship, or more, whatever the energies. Call ★★8899.

A New Yorker

GAM, 26 yrs. old, 5'10", 235#, chubby but good-looking. A foreign student in New York City. Love: classical music (prefer Puccini & Ravel), swimming in seas, theaters, reading, different kinds of arts, cooking, traveling. I travel to SF often. You: 25-45 yrs. old, well-built, educated, professional, love your life. No games. Trim, masculine, full head of hair only. Write with phone #, photo (will return), to PO Box 4055, Parkside Station, Flushing, NY 11375.

True Or False:

I date Asians because they're exotic. I'm politically correct. Thank God for my personality. If you answered true to any, don't respond. Otherwise, read on. I'm a handsome Chinese American (mid-20s, 5'7", 145, HIV-) who's not seeking rice queens, PC fascists or men whose personalities compensate for their looks, but rather a good-looking pre-35 y.o. with similar passions (career, movies, weightlifting, music, cooking) and with a wit/intelligence to rival his looks. Call ★★8900.

If...

You enjoy classical music and maybe jazz; like to laugh; have a contrasting artistic side; a few muscles; occasionally country-western dancing; nature, conversation, friends, food; have a warm heart and a curious intellect; feel communication and commitment are important; especially want to be with another VTHGM (very tall handsome gay man), consider this ad. This sometimes embarrassingly youthful, sexy 47-yr-old (most people think I'm about 35) shocks people when he reveals his age. He enjoys men from 35 to 50 who have youthful energy and minds, but wise hearts. With his slender good looks he turns many a head, but not yet the one who wants to work at a lasting relationship. He is hard-working classical singer and needs the mutual nurturance and understanding that can result from a solid relationship. Stats: 6'6½", bld/blu, 205 lbs., HIV-, very light drinker, no drugs. Boxholder, PO Box 26463, SF 94126-6463 (recent photo please) or call ★★8901.

Magic This Fall

Available for creation with attractive GWM, very young 44, 5'8", 155#, br/bl, moustache, smooth toned body. Healthy, asymptomatic, positively HIV+. Educated but down-to-earth, with interests ranging from opera to horticulture to exploring the Bay Area. We're sensual, romantic cuddlers, good kissers with talented hands for erotic massage, playful wrestling and ecstatic release. You: GWM, roughly 35-50, attractive, in decent shape with hairy chest/body, emotionally accessible. Reply BT Box AG80B or call ★★8902.

Wanted: Hung Big And Hairy

Well-built WM, gym body, hung big and aggressive, wants to connect with other well-endowed (cut) WM, 20-35. Interested in versatile, well-built men, real hairy—particularly with a big, hairy, sensitive bubble butt. Call ★★8903.

Jimmy Olsen Seeks Superman/Clark Kent

OK, maybe I'm losing my grip on reality (I'm not a redhead, or have freckles), but I love being with serious bodybuilders who also understand the excitement and power of fantasy and imagination. Let's date and do what Lois Lane would never do! (Incredible Hulks, Thor, etc., all encouraged to apply!) Call ★★8904.

New In Town

GWM, 29, 5'8", 160 lbs., blnd hair, hazel eyes, tattooed love boy seeks clean and sober fun. I like hiking, backpacking, movies, concerts, museums and hot nasty safe sex. For friendship and possible relationship. You be 25-34. Call ★★8905.

Latin Feet Turn Me On

If you are husky or chunky a+, I'll give you the attention you deserve. My hair is brown, 35 y.o., eyes blue, 5'11", 175#. Call for more surprises. Call ★★8906.

Black Troll Seeks Int'l Male Type

To satisfy my needs. Me: 33, 5'8", 350 lbs., bad-hair life; underemployed, couch potato, average hung. You: Supermodel, rich, butch, huge hung. Here's the deal: If I'm pleased, we eat, you pay, talk about me; we motor back to your place; we talk about me and my need for safe sex; we f** k until I come, then I sleep; you do yourself, quietly. Call ★★8907.

Any Of These On Your Shopping List?

Masculine; affectionate; lover of the arts (opera to movies), good food, scenic beauty, travel (Europe, cruises); hairy (mostly brown); bearded (mostly gray); bright; NS/ND; honest; older (52), somewhat wiser; considerate; good-looking (5'10", fairly solid 197#); great smile/laugh; tactile; romantic; fine kisser/hugger; uncut. If so, call with details about you. Call ★★8908.

My Left Foot

Would be keeping me busy if I were left-handed and pedidextrous (I'm not). I'm a WM, 28, blk/br, easygoing, clean-cut, educated, and physically fit, with a sense of humor, seeking similar, 25-31. I tend to socialize in smaller groups and prefer good conversation over dinner to the bar scene. I really go for blond, unexhibitionistically intelligent studs, but the middle term is the most important one. Call ★★8909.

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SO... YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE BLISTERS... THE FUNKY SUNBURN,.. THE RUINED BOOTS,.. THE MILES & MILES OF POUNDED PAVEMENT... ALL OF THAT WAS FOR NOTHING?
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Single booklover, attractive GWM, 40, 5'9", 180 lbs., HIV-, seeks attractive GM, 30-50 years old, for friendship/possible relationship, who shares a passion for books, bookstores, antiques, museums, spirituality (Christian and liturgical), quiet dinners, and long walks. Call ★★8910.

Looking For Good Sports

Tall, large-framed 24-year-old graduate student, somewhat shy, seeks sports partners, friends and maybe more. My interests include basketball, tennis, bridge, as well as many other games and sports. I am masculine but yet also sensitive, and am in general a very good listener. I am pretty conservative by nature, but yet am also open to new ideas and experiences. I look forward to good-natured athletic competition and hopefully friendship. Reply BT Box AG81B or call ★★8911.

Masculine Monogamy

I don't want to run and check china patterns, but I'm looking for someone with the ability to be sexually monogamous and relationship-oriented, should that come about later. I like aggressive men. Highly attracted to leathermen. Virgin to leather or S/M antics though. Wanting someone to take control in bed, in public treated equal. I'm 23 yrs. old, 135 lbs., 5'9", blk/brn. Please respond. Call ★★8912.

Make Me Your Slave

Seeking attractive, intelligent, unrelenting, dominant, in-shape master with demanding imagination (S/M, BD, CBT, TT, rape scenes, spanking, domination/submission, WS, ?). Me: sexy, good-looking, intelligent novice (20s, HIV-, nice bod, smooth) wanting to be used/forced to submit in every way. Use me to fulfill any/all fantasies. Know what you want and just do it. Remember, I need to please you. No limits; just yours. Call ★★8913.

Asian Male Wanted

By attractive GWM, 5'8", blond, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and looking for relationship/friendship and more. You: top. Me: btm. I am looking for a masculine Asian who wants to have wonderful sex and is looking for quality time. Take a chance and respond. Call ★★8914.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late-30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Call ★★8915.

Looking For A Boyfriend

But not wanting a monogamous relationship. GWM, youthful 40, tall slim build (6', 150), smooth chest/hairy legs, versatile top, average hung wants to share a variety of interests (movies, dancing, dining out, sex, massage, picnics, homelife) with a GWM, mid-30s-early-40s, 5'9" +, slim build, with a hairy chest and/or legs. We are attractive, masculine, stable, professional SF residents, NS, ND, light drinker, HIV-. Call ★★8916.

Middle Ground

Somewhere between throwaway fucks and pledges of lifelong fealty, there are sane, sexy, simple pleasures. Me: 33, blond/blue, 6'5", 190 lbs., attractive, busy, horny, passionately political, sensual, sexually versatile, car-less, short on dollars, long on ambition, moviephile, working on fitness. You: affectionate, easy on the eyes, 25-40, NS, non-substance abuser, slim, probably darker than me (race not a factor), probably cleanshaven, appreciate humor. Call ★★8917.

Taking It Slow

Looking for kissing & cuddling? Want to take time getting to know each other physically & personally? This early-40s, dark-haired, lean & handsome GWM, with youthful looks & manner, would like to meet a slender, younger man who feels the same. I'm 5'9", 150 lbs., and new to SF. Intelligence, playful spirit, active mind, sensitivity & good looks are all a+. Call ★★8918.

Area Code 707

Looking for someone to hang out with in Sonoma County. A new job has led me from the City to Santa Rosa with a home in Forestville. I'm 6'3", 190#, brn/hzl, short beard, moustache, HIV-, 38 y.o., NS, drug-free & light alcohol. Immediate goal is to make new friends with LTR eventual goal. Call or write and let's see what happens. Reply BT Box AG82B or call ★★8919.

It Is Time

Chemistry is the most important ingredient in a successful relationship. Then integrity, a commitment to monogamy, self-awareness, and a desire to celebrate the relationship. Happiness is the result of diligent and constant self-awareness and a commitment to goals, another and self. Varied and diverse interests as well as a positive attitude are equally important to a fulfilled life. I am attracted to a man who is "straight" appearing, totally accepting and proud of being gay and being in love with another man. Like myself, you should be over 5'10", late-30s to early-40s, handsome, of trim build, professional, educated, sexually versatile and HIV-. Additional mutually attractive attributes include athletic (running, bicycling, hiking), affectionate, sensitive to others, liking to laugh (especially at oneself) and believing that being nice is important. It is time for me to meet the right man. Call ★★8920.

Sockless College Student?

Fortysomething professor, youthful, hirsute, and athletic, seeks younger male friends who go sockless with Topsiders or Converse (even High Tops) and barefoot at home. PO Box 410055, SF 94141 or call ★★8921.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Visiting SF from Balto Sept. 1-11. ISO company to see Sept. 4 A's vs. O's (N.B. Brady Anderson) and Sept. 7 Giants vs. Pirates. I'm attractive (for Balto!), very funny, 33 y.o., JM (5'6", 145, br/br), museum worker. Not averse to extra innings with similar (co-star seeker?), but baseball and stadium knowledge essential. Call ★★8922.

OB-GYN Sexbuddies

Oral Bi-Gay Youthful Negative (HIV-). Southbay male bald mature discreet enjoys giving rub-downs handjobs and friendship to physically fit and HIV- males any age, race. No Greek! Smooth cleanshaven shy small young and bright are pluses. Me: prof, discreet busy, 58, 5'10", 165, good. Call ★★8923.

Would It Be Unrealistic For Me To Want

A perfect match? In this imperfect world of ours, I want/value virtue, love, passion, idealism and fun. I'm a heavyset (not an exercise freak) BM, attractive, educated, funny, evil sense of humor, with an eye toward enjoying life. I'm particularly interested in a man with similar tastes & opinions ... I have room for that special person. Reply PO Box 885222, SF 94188 or call ★★8924.

Available Good Catch

Handsome, prof, GWM (late-40s, but look mid-30s), light brown hair, green eyes, 5'11", with slim build (155 lbs.) and clean-cut good looks, wants to meet an equally youthful but mature GWM to share the adventure of the rest of our lives. Please answer if a monogamous relationship with a balance of outdoor, cultural and home-oriented activities appeals to you. We both value financial stability, a sense of humor and honesty. I love travel, my home and dog, good films, plays, books, food and company. Hopefully, you'll have a slim to average build, average or proportionate endowment, and be a health-conscious HIV- nonsmoker like me. I'm a gentle, masculine and affectionate lover, and happy sharing the responsibilities of lovemaking. Please reply to BT Box AG83B or call ★★8925. Photo appreciated and returned with mine.

Beat Up Old Car?

I'm looking for another guy who doesn't take himself too seriously, has good sense of humor, knows how to read. Maybe has: a beat up old car, Irish heritage, sexy voice, lives outside SF? As for me: 36, 5'10", 150, HIV-, cleanshaven, lean body, large penis. Call ★★8926.

British Love Seeks

British GWM. Mild 40s (5'11", 155), attractive both in looks & personality, with blue eyes, slim but firm build & Anglo-Saxon features. Seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM, 27-45. I am open to cultural diversity and color of my partner. Your interests, as mine, could include music, art/design, theater, good food and community service. I have an established design & marketing business which has served the gay community for many years. If you feel sincere and fit the part, please call and leave a message. I dislike voice mail but I will return your call. Thank you. Call ★★8927.

Pussy Boy Whores

Wanted by GWM, 33, Italian, good-looking, good body. Activities may include domination, verbal abuse, WS, 3-ways, bondage. You must be hot, mid- to late-20s, hungry and ready to please. Call ★★8928.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone with time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, outdoors, movies, reading, hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, ~~good sense~~ of humor, calm/unpretentious personality, quiet/non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response. JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

A Touch Of Spirit & Body

Sincere & friendly, 5'10", 165#, GWM, is looking to exchange massages and possible friendship. This fiftyish professional likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. built, ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8929.

More Often Than Not

I feel I can commit to loving a man for a long time. Therapy and meditation help me with feeling emotionally ready; sweating at the gym 5x a week makes me feel physically alive, attractive and horny. It's tough, I know, to build a dedicated relationship. Still, I want to face my fears and "stuff"; if you do too, I want to hear from you. I'm 40, dk brown hair, blue-green eyes, 5'7", 150 lbs., have sense of humor, hate walking on the beach (oh, well!), am a PhD psychotherapist, want to have kids if I have a partner, love foreign films like *Like Water for Chocolate* and *The Marriage Feast*. Call ★★8930.

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Call ★★8931.

BiWM Bottom

21, 6', long blond hair, into cross-dressing, looking for TVs or male couple (must be femme), no facial hair, for fun time. Please smoke but be disease-free. Call ★★8933.

Erotic Massage

Seeking special person to receive free erotic massage, prefer a man of color. This massage teacher needs to expand methods to arouse and sexually stimulate and wants to experiment with these techniques. No reciprocation but do require feedback on how technique makes you feel. Will answer all replies, but GBM, GAM, GLM get priority. PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★8934. New to SF.

Attention Small Endowed Men

Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small, indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

My Tickle Buddy...

Likes 2B bound, tied, stretched and tormented. He also likes me to test his limits by probing/prodding his hairy armpits, ribs & stomach with my fingers and tongue; doesn't mind a 3rd party helping out. He also likes: to go camping, alternative music, to cook, and hug me from behind when I least expect it. He's playful, attractive, wt/ht proportionate, loves deep kisses, and lets me tickle him to exhaustion til my heart's content. He'd also love to make love by the fire, be tied/bound outdoors in the Russian River, and love to be friends/buddies B4 anything else. His other half is a GLM, cute, 21 and patient. Call ★★8935.

Latin Man Wanted

This 26 y.o., 6'2", 190 lb., blond hair, blue-eyed GWM would like to correspond with a serious Latin man looking for a food friendship/relationship—with no mind games. You have to be romantic, willing to travel, have a sense of humor, personality and be willing to try your all with this GWM awaiting your response. Respond with photo & phone. Reply BT Box AG84B or call ★★8936.

Black Male, 48

Handsome, hung, dark-skinned, HIV-, was a bottom. Now ready to claim those big, round, 35-55, protruding bubble butts I see on short and tall men. Must love and need it. Must be affectionate, possessive, available often. Single men only. I love gay, honest, open males. Photo of you, your body, and HIV- only. Any race, any age. Photo absolutely a must to: E., PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604 or call ★★8937.

Workout Partner And More

I'm 5'8", 153 lbs., bearded, very hairy, in good shape, but want better—I want to bulk up till I've got a chest the size of a Buick! Have a private gym, lots of weights, wrestling and boxing gear—just need a dedicated partner to bulk up with. Should be my size or bigger, preferably hairy, definitely committed to lifting, also into rough-house wrestling, boxing, massages. Call ★★8938.

Before, During And After

Do you enjoy the quiet closeness afterwards as much as the frisky fooling around before? GWM, 41, bright, musical, humorous, culturally Jewish, bald, hairy, 32w, HIV-, seeks assertive, young-looking, white/Asian/Indian male for cuddling, conversation, and fooling around (condomized oral welcome). We're NS/ND (light drinking OK), cleanshaven. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8939.

Great Catch

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warmhearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, outdoors oriented, and 10-15 years younger. Call ★★8940.

Thai Guy?

This cute WM, 30, 5'11", 155 lbs., wants to meet you. I fell in love on vacation in BKK and would like to replace those feelings again. I'm shy, romantic, sincere and good-humored. Call me to find out more! Call ★★8941.

Skipper Seeks Mate

Weekend skipper seeks intelligent young man to share the pleasures of cruising and waterskiing in the Delta: I'm attractive, professional, cleanshaven, trim GWM, 46, 5'7". You are GWM, 20-36, lean and well-proportioned, smooth, HIV-, smoke-free, drug-free, bottom, who prefers the company of an educated older man. Call ★★8942.

An Unaffected Ad

Facts about me—I'm an offbeat, fun-loving male seeking the same for amorous explorations; 29, 6', 165 lbs., green eyes, great smile, fair skin, darn handsome, reddish-brown hair, cleanshaven, lean, in-shape, nice legs; honest, aware, sincere, self-assured, considerate, playful, compassionate, intelligent, adventurous, sensual, affectionate. I derive pleasure from good books, different cultures, chronic bud, art, dark men, delicious food (preparing & eating!), French kissing, the outdoors, gardening, life in general. Sexually versatile and uninhibited—basically a slave to sensory stimulation. You are attracted to the above, masculine, in-shape, around my age, hip, sexy, Black/Hispanic/Mediterranean looking for lust, friendship and maybe even—dare I say—love. Call ★★8943.

Stallions In The Mist?

GWM, 37, looking to meet warm, sincere, interesting guys who aren't afraid of the fog. Into arts, politics, outdoors, theater, stimulating conversation, good food, dancing, safe spontaneous sex, and laughing. You can find me driving in the country, biking in the park, at the museum, dancing at the Rawhide, at the movies, at the theater, chatting with friends, planning adventures, or at home in the avenues. If you want to turn the fog into steam, let's meet and see where it leads us. Age, race unimportant, sense of humor is. No addictions please. Reply BT Box AG85B or call ★★8944.

Good Chemistry

I'm 6', 195#, 56, smooth, well-built (not buff), gray-blond hair and moustache, intelligent, attractive, emotionally open, sexually oral and top, professionally successful, enjoy the arts/life/nature, find the spiritual in the beautiful, HIV-, alcohol-/smoke-/drug-free. Want to meet and romance a hairy man who is also HIV-, alcohol-/smoke-/drug-free. Other specific characteristics are less important than good chemistry. Ultimate intention is a loving, committed relationship. Call ★★8945.

What About Me?

I like drinking Southern Comfort while watching the Comedy Channel or "The Avengers," eating food that's bad for me, shoes that fit & Asian or Latino men in good shape, over 25. I'm Black, 26, in good shape, w/a nice body, soft lips & versatile in bed. I can be a smartass at times but I will call you afterwards. Honesty about your looks is all I ask. Call ★★8946.

Ready For Romance

El Cerrito, very handsome, GWM, 42, 6'2", 165#, blond/blue, 8", seeks similar GWM, 30s-40s, tall, handsome, masculine, slender, smooth, hung, horny, versatile, for friendship, sex and hopes of LTR. Me: healthy, asymptomatic HIV+, lost lover 21 months ago; tired of bars, cruise scenes, one-timers, and people who can only take; seeking someone who can appreciate affection, passion and compassion of an old-fashioned, faithful, romantic relationship. I'm clean, intelligent, honest, sincere and reliable; fun, witty, and humorous; unpretentious and absolutely void of the latest gay fashion trends; don't drink or smoke; love a good home life, gardening, home cooking, movies, TV, old and modern rock, physics and electronics, beaches and the outdoors. I'm enjoying life on an early retirement so I have lots of time for traveling, fun and for you. If you have things in common, are financially stable, and into sharing and enjoying life without fighting, then tickle my funny bone and I'll let you scratch my spot! Call ★★8948.

Black Top Wanted

By 5'10", 165, 40s GWM for hours and hours of no-strings enjoyment. Looking for a nice guy—honest and caring. If something happens—great, but not into "creating" a relationship. I'm a sports addict but have a wide variety of interests. Isn't it worth a call to see if there is something for us to talk about? Call ★★8948.

Better Together

If you want to explore a LTR with a positive thinking, masculine, growth-oriented, financially sound, emotionally available, self-assured, handsome, HIV-, very sexual, 50 years young man, and share the pleasures of travel, theater, movies, ballet, tennis, boating, home life, family, friends (gay and straight), art and a passion for life. You are 38-55, HIV-, good-looking, self-confident and share similar interests. Let's check out the "chemistry." Reply BT Box AG86B with photo.

Great Oral Sexual Pleasure

If you like great oral service as often and long as you like and are attractive, masc., in-shape guy, weight to height, 34-48, very horny, let's talk. Plus—but not necessary—tall, big arms, hands, hairy chest, firm butt. Me: attractive, clean-cut, masculine, healthy GWM, sense of humor, discreet; alcohol-, smoke- & drug-free; in-shape body, hungry, available. Call ★★8949.

Available Asian Or Latino?

I have a good career; a comfortable apartment; a variety of interests (from theater to the gym); good friends; a good personality, flexible style, and easygoing spirit; affectionate, communicative, emotionally available; told that I am attractive and younger-looking; and I know I am ready to date again. The only hitch is that I tend to be physically attracted to Asians and Latinos who are my age or younger, with whom I have some chemistry/compatibility. I'm a WM, 43, 5'8", 160, blnd/brn hair, brn eyes, moustache, HIV-, and I'd like to hear form you and meet you. Call ★★8950.

Atlanta Pen Friend Anyone?

GWM, down-to-earth, straight-acting/sounding, nonsmoker, non-alcoholic, not a "partier." Gladly avoids stereotypical lifestyle. Not into banners, flags, triangles, tinkles or radical "queer" movements. I'm just myself. Interests include sci fi (Star Trek), comedy, editorial writing, general conversation. Seeking pen pal type friendship(s) from similar who's seriously interested in one. Write: PO Box 191102, Atlanta, GA 31119-1102 or call ★★8951.

A Special Person

I'm looking for a self-aware, handsome GM. I especially appreciate African-American or Latino gay men. Someone who I feel some equivalence to—emotionally, physically and intellectually. Who's financially stable and politically/socially liberal. But mainly a kind and honest person. These are requests not requirements. I'm a very handsome GWM, culturally Jewish, 5'6", 170#, 33 yrs. old, brown hair, goatee, sideburns, hairy chest/legs, nice body (and improving). I am emotionally open and honest, sweet, gentle, and kind. I'm passionate, affectionate, sexy, bottom to versatile, and very safe. I'm a strong person who doesn't mind shedding tears. I enjoy my lovely home in the E. Bay (Hercules). I've a close and special relationship with my family. Experienced with relationships. Active socially, politically progressive. I'm HIV+, healthy, you should be comfortable with this. I'm open to developing different relationships so let's get to know each other and see what happens. Call ★★8952.

Black Good Fun

Black guy, 5'9", 160, 30 y.o., good masculine build; fun, outgoing, sexy, seeking guys any race for J/O, dirty talk and more; early morning or late nights OK. Reply PO Box 641652, SF 94164 or call ★★8953.

Sleepless In San Francisco

30-something single dad, content with family and professional life, open to meeting the unique someone I've known all my life. I'm a sucker for sitcoms & romantic comedies, but open to broader horizons and new experiences. Paternal commitments mandate more cuddling in front of the VCR than nights on the town, though time can be made for both. I'll offer sincerity, companionship & stimulating conversation to a secure, stable, spontaneous & flexible man with a life of his own & some time/energy for a new friendship/relationship. Call ★★8954.

Seeing In Black & White

GWM, 6'2½", 180 lbs., lean, muscular, athletic, somewhat shy, blue eyes, nice smile, looking for Black male buddy for sex, friendship or whatever else develops. Prefer 40 y.o.+, stocky and masculine. NS, hairy, uncut a turn-on. Should enjoy kissing, holding each other naked by candlelight. Be verbal. Call today. Call ★★8955.

Gentlemen

It's more fun to share—good times become better. That's why this 39 y.o. GWM seeks friends/soulmates of similar age with a positive outlook. Enjoy dining out, movies, coffeehouses, camping, beaches, massage and an occasional GD concert. Write to connect—not necessarily a sex ad. Reply BT Box AG87B or call ★★8956.

Blond Bottoms

WM, 38, 6 ft., 200 lbs., brown (graying hair), brown eyes, looking for blond, 21-33, cleanshaven (moustaches OK) bottoms. I enjoy a quiet night in front of the fire to a night on the town. Looking for guys that like to kiss and cuddle a lot. Some of my interests include old cars, computers. Call ★★8957.

Still Seeking Absolut Dad

After losing three close friends, and having a long-distance romance not work out this year, this shy, boyish, 37 y.o. GWM is ready to take the plunge again. I'm 5'10", 120#, slim (considered sexy by some), smooth, brown hair/eyes, moustache, HIV+ (still healthy), NS/very light drinker. Been out 16 years and not getting any younger. Various interests ranging from movies, dining out, travel (off to Japan early Sept.), the arts, and cooking. Pragmatic, realistic, unpretentious, yet honest. Have a great sense of humor, and very affectionate. Dislike selfishness, B.S., game playing, the term "queer." My ideal dad (type) is 40 to 50 y.o., 5'10" to 6'2", salt and pepper hair/moustache, hairy chest, and a nice build. You: a professional businessman/exec. (runner, bicyclist, wire rim glasses a definite plus). He's masculine, yet sensitive, stable, affectionate, nurturing, communicative and has a sense of humor. Someone who likes cuddling, movies, a little leather, NS/light drinker, and enjoys good times. Also, understanding of my HIV+ status. I'm shy about dating again, yet willing to take the time, not rushing, with that certain man. Desirous of building a home life, and sharing life's adventures in a committed, loving relationship of support and mutual respect. So, wanna have a real date with a sweet guy? You on top? (Safely of course). Real fun times? Future dates? If so inclined, dad, reply with recent photo (will return). Reply BT Box AG88B.

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San Jose **EDUCATED LATINO** 35, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, into outdoors, hiking, camping, seeks educated men in South bay. ☎5675

San Jose **V. ATHLETIC** Latino, 37, 160lbs, brw hair & eyes, enjoy reading, dancing, swimming, searching for rel. w/ poss. romance later on. (educated & sports fan A+) ☎6525

San Jose **ASIAN FIND:** 22, 6'1, 185lbs, Asian, would like to meet yng guys 18-20, If nothing else we could get to know each other for future reference. ☎3946

SF **EARLY RISER:** 5'11, brw hair/eyes,m 145lbs, swimmer's build, looking to get together w/tp guy, early morning get togethers the best ☎5725

SF **THREE FOR ALL:** v. interested in meeting gay couple for fun/adventure! Look me up. ☎5878

South Lake Tahoe **TAHOE: MARRIED BI-GUY** 6'4, 160lbs, 38, (wife loves to watch) I prefer hairy & slender, we both love to party & can play host. ☎6306

Castro Valley **ALWAYS GOOD:** 44, tp, looking for ht bttm for good times, let's have a night to remember. ☎6314

Redwood City **2 HUNKY ALL-AMER. GUYS:** Clean Cut, stached, looking for husky, hunky leath. tp, (25-35), call for our number. ☎6395

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURES:** 26 yr old, blond, african male, looking for fun in the daytime. ☎2848

Oakland **GYM TONED SUB. ASIAN:** Handsome, interested in receiving great back rubs, & learning new ropes. ☎3980

SF **OVER 50?** yng tp for bttm over 50, let's connect. ☎3325

SF **I LIKE IT ALL:** 32, enjoy most everything, hey , let's do the city? here- hope'n ya call. ☎3583

SF WEAR A SMILE: GWM, 37, 6'1, 170lbs, blond/blue, seeking men 28-45, call me!! ☎ 6016

Martinez **ALOTTA LOVE TO OFFER:** 36, tall, blond, looking for hispanic male for dinner/movies/& LTR (30-40) ☎ 6033

SF ALL AMERICAN LOOKS: clean cut, 30s, 6'3, 190lbs, attrac, blue eyes, new to area, desire smooth, clean cut, tall guy to meet. ☎ 2931

Berkeley **OOOOH.. LA LA! 25 YR OLD** French student, very cute, brw hair, looking for other guys to party with -Oui? ☎ 3605

Fremont **LET'S GET TOGETHER** for a reasonably good time. ☎ 4038

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** WM, 6'1, 205lbs, proportionate, dark blond, blue eyes, bearded, looking for bi-curious 25-50, ☎ 5493

SF **HIKING BUFF:** 25, 5'10, 185lbs, wrestler's build, clean shaven, smooth, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for masc. guy into hiking, (prefer young looking blonds). ☎ 5560

SF **East Bay: BIG FEET WANTED!** leave msg if under 30 & have big feet. ☎ 6160

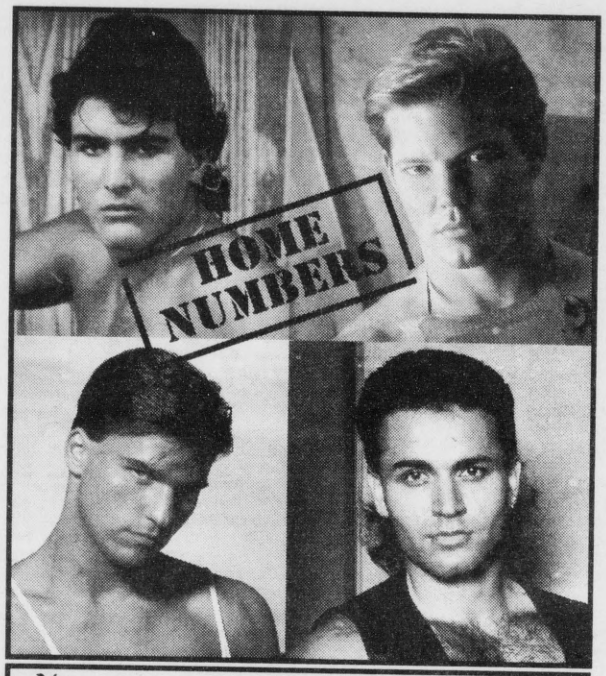
SF 36, GWM, attrac. , 5'10, 160lbs, med build, stached, brw hair, seeking guy for safe times ☎ 6164

SF **WHY NOT?** 32 yr old, 5'8, 140lbs, goodlookin' guy ISO other gay guys who like to have fun. ☎ 6197

Redwood City **BIG GOLDEN BEAR:** seeks same or admirers, I like to have lots of fun, hope you call, (older men welcome). ☎ 6218

SF **HONEST & ATTRAC.** 39, 6'2, 170lbs, goatee, x-midwesterner, into plays, music, movies, symphony, looking for romantic, caring, honest, & quiet evenings at home type, (any race or age ok) ☎ 6229

Stockton **VERY HAIRY:** would like to hear from other extremely hairy guys! ☎ 2809



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San Jose **FRIENDSHIP AND OR REL.** wanted: 25 yr old prof. looking to date prof. men 25-35, if interested leave name in box. ☎ 3151

Santa Cruz 5'8, 150lbs, 27, **X-ORANGE COUNTY, INTO READING, SURFING,** being outdoors, into musc. masc. guys, ready to have a good time w/right one. ☎ 5122

Santa Cruz **GOODLOOKING 24 YR OLD NEEDS AMATEUR TOUR GUIDE:** just moved here & need someone sincere to show me around, tour me, respect me, let's explore Santa Cruz together. ☎ 3318

San Jose **HISPANIC &** Inexperienced, 21, black hair, into dancing, looking for clean shaven, non-smoking guy. ☎ 6099

San Jose **LIL' "TLC"** Young smooth, sub. bttm, looking for dom. daddy type 50+ yrs., like movies, home evenings, outing. ☎ 6161

Alameda **NOT TO BUTCH, NOT TO EFFEMINATE:** attrac. 37, 5'6, 185lbs, into honesty. If your honest, sincere and not into games call. ☎ 5416

San Jose **WHO SAYS THREE'S A CROWD?** We are two great looking hispanic/white guys, hairy chested, seekin other real men in the area.(gym-toned A+) ☎3714

San Jose **YES! I KNOW WHAT I LIKE:** I value men who are strong & dominating. (can be very attentive for right one.) ☎5127

San Jose **DAYS FREE?** I'm a 35 yr old, married, blond/blue eyed, seeking men who enjoy life betwn 40-60. ☎5380

San Jose **VERY FIRST TIME** for this **30 YR OLD** WM, share my fantasy, I'm ready to play & may have my 1st experience w/you —call. ☎5557

Merced **CENTRAL VALLEY AREA:** 5'11, 145lbs, if interested & willing to travel, pleasant adventure awaits, so call. ☎5751

San Jose **YOUNG LATINO SEEKS OLDER LATINO** seeking older latino or asian male for good times. (expecting big things from this ad) ☎3220

Tracy **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 yr old new to scene looking for friendship or whatever comes our way. ☎1905

Santa Clara **HOLA:** 36, yr old hispanic (look younger do to working out) 5'9, 150lbs, looking to meet white or asian guys socially. ☎2374

SF INTO MILITARY HAIRCUTS? BM, 5'11, good looking, 32, seeks other guys in short hair. ☎3570

SF MY NAME IS THUNDER: I love latino men. I like biking, I'm a toned 5'10, 30, 150lb blond, into sincere guys (not games) —ask for Thunder. ☎3669

SF **NO STRINGS:** 31 yr old, seeking same aged, slim, goodlooking for no strings fun & whatever follows. ☎5355

SF **EXTREMELY NICE:** 19 yr old, 5'8, red hair, 210lbs, let's share the magic of the theatre, musicals, opera, new age music, drama, poetry, writing, & long walks. ☎5556

San Francisco **EXAMINE THIS:** 50 yr old, GWM, seeking gay medical student for get togethers. ☎2086

San Francisco **NOE VALLEY:** 27, tall trim, clean cut, seeking clean cut fit tp guys for playful times. ☎2650

SF **WIND ME UP:** 26 yr old, btm, seeking action oriented tps for summer blast. ☎2703

SF **ARE YOU AN EXPERT?** at back rubs, cuddling and or/sharing yourself? If so, give a call for someone also into caring & sharing life's little pleasures. ☎5699

Sacramento **OPEN ARRANGEMENT: GAY COUPLE** 30 & 36, would like to meet other male couples or singles for open ended fun times. ☎5746

Livermore **SLIM MEXICAN 22,** very handsome, enjoy movies, dancing, road trips, seeking tall stable caucasian w/sex appeal. to expand my horizons. ☎3409

Sacramento **MULLATO, BLACK OR MIXED MALES** wanted by young GWM, 23, call for hm number. Let's party tonite. ☎3816

SF **TRY ME,** I just might : very attrac BM, 27, 5'9, 145lbs, great body & smile, good sense of humor, looking for white or hispanic guys for great times. ☎3838

San Leandro **SPONTANEOUS NOVICE:** 6', 180lbs, blond, into movies, friendship & fun, looking for fun, spontaneous & whatever comes next with the right patience one. ☎1593

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being bound and being submissive while being massaged. My fantasy is to find a gentle, dominant master to show me the ropes. I like to be bound in imaginative positions and my tits, butt and cock played with, etc. Call ★★8958.

Wanted

Sexual friendship... that's something more than a one-night stand and short of movin' in? Me: GWM, 38, 6'2", 200 exercised pounds, masculine, handsome (or so they tell me), romantic, humorous. Mostly brown hair on head and body, with conspicuous blue eyes and a warm, moustached style. Sexually versatile, orally fixated, J/O enthusiast, titplay advocate, with a seemingly insatiable appetite for being tortured and torturing with tactile sensation—touching, tasting, kissing, caressing, etc., is searching for another man for an ongoing adventure through the provocative sensual/sexual realm. You: preferably thicker bodied, husky, bear-like, masculine explorer to 45, with impressive eyes and considerable lips, whose furry face will tease my sensitive flesh. Is attracted to and indulges in any and hopefully all of the above listed attributes and erotic expressions, and believes there is more which arouses and tempts the mind and body than simply racing for that eruptive, creamy finish. I have preferences, but all responses considered at 740A - 14th St., Box 167, SF 94114.

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BiM addicted to long, intense J/O while ogling hunky, nude stud seeks 4-5 other serious addicts (bi, g, st, any age) for extended group jerk watching Right-Stuff model. Scenario: gaze as a group, get off individually (steamy, splendid, sequential solos), generate intense raw male energy. Props OK. Connoisseurs of extended, multiple or tantric orgasms especially welcome. Call ★★8959.

Friendship

Hello. I'm a very good-looking Latin who is healthy HIV+, 32, 5'8", 150, and very muscular. I'm looking for new friendships with people of all kinds. I'm very much into the gym, spirituality, very healthy eating, no drugs, alcohol, cigs or pot; I like talks on spirituality, movies, meals at home, travel, theater, nature, animals, etc. You're very much into the same stuff, between age 21-40. Call ★★8960.

Stay The Night

Don't come and go in a heated rush. GWM, 43, 5'10", 170 lbs., br/br, moustache, attractive, fit, emotionally available, seeking versatile HIV- partner for dating, sex, companionship, sleepovers. I value affection, intelligence, wit, communication. Enjoy movies, music, dance, gym, exploring Bay Area. NS/ND, light alcohol OK. Call ★★8961.

Seeking 2 Men

Masculine, athletic, 38 y.o., dark blond, 5'11", 185 lbs. Oral, into role-playing games and VA. Seeking 2 dominant men for periodic threesome. Prefer 33-42 age range. No phone sex. Call ★★8962.

Proving Yourself

To this experienced leathermaster fulfills your need to please, serve. This is not for novices. Control and domination of you will happen. Experienced master wants to own you through bondage, cage, collar, wax—getting into your every potential to serve my needs. All S/M training given new limits. Complete dungeon. I am demanding—you be willing and eager. Why are you a candidate? PO Box 14843, SF 94114 or call ★★8963.

Asian Tops Wanted

GWM, 36, 132 lbs., tasty gym-toned build, seeks slim, smooth Asian top, 20-40 yrs. old. Size unimportant. I'm also interested in a 3-way with 2 hot Asians. I'm HIV- and require condom use. Call ★★8964.

Emotionally Available?

You think you are, huh? Are you really over your last relationship? When someone you're dating says, "Intimacy, commitment, communication," do your eyes dart feverishly and do you plan your escape? Skip this ad. Irreverent, intellectual, successful, attractive, liberal-minded and loving guy seeks a 30-something guy able to love and be loved, tired of dates with iron-pumping, bar-going zeroes. Letter/photo to BT Box AG89B.

Mahakala

Sought by Dakini, 45, gym-toned, 6'3", 190#, of lithe body & mind, flexible, ready to please tall built insightful teacher, solid, roaring hot. Lineage important. Call ★★8965.

Differences Make It All Work!

Although we are both stable, masculine-identified professionals, sexually you are all top and I'm all bottom with pluses for your being larger (I'm 5'10" and 160), hairy (I'm totally smooth), better endowed (I'm smaller) and other distinctions. I'm a young, fit 50, NS/ND, with broad interests and we are both HIV-, health-conscious, open-minded, and ready to celebrate our differences. Call ★★8966.

Hey!

I'm just tired of dating HIV- guys. Positive healthy 32, attractive (yes!) Caucasian type. You're 25-40, fit, attractive (to me, so call) Asian, Latin, Caucasian or... You're for sure sensual (esp. in bed), know relaxing, diverse interests, love kissing, long sex, music, follow your own muse, non-dogmatic, intelligent (doesn't mean well-educated), want fullness from life not the best. Texture. Go to movies, see the sun, smile. Interested? Reply BT Box AG90B or call ★★8967.

Funny

How differently these ads come out as I draft them; all these characters playing in there! (What do they want now?) GWM, 36, virgin ad-writer and walking contradiction, seeks partner to share riding the trail. Physically: 5'10", 170 lbs., br/hazel, still cute, in moderate shape, and HIV+. Mentally exploring ideas; reading (these days, Tolstoy). Emotionally making music (generally Baroque); aspiring to courage and love, though often sliding into cynicism, mere sentimentality, and incorrect jokes; valuing solitude (mine and yours). Sexually solo-too-long; delighting in porn; acquiring a bitchin' dildo collection. Otherly born under Pisces/Aries cusp; withdrawn under New Moons, twisted under full ones, perfectly normal underbetween. You: getting to know yourself, 30-40, in moderate shape, and keenly aware of your mortality; all HIV statuses welcome. Plus: still cute or taller than me or active-type. Plusser: your own VCR. Plussest: self-cultivation. Minuses: triplayers, aimless chatterers, daddy's-or-mama's-boys. Adieu, then; call if any of this pricks against your kicks. Call ★★8968.

Pomo Mestizo Theorist

With hybrid identities who is honest and brave in between being very scared seeks comrade with self-created gender for erotic and/or platonic negotiations. Such a comrade doesn't believe apolitical is an option, enjoys irony but not derision, is busy & lives well, is committed to sabotaging neocolonial arrangements, works toward solidarity but sees its impossibility, enjoys yelling P.J. Harvey lyrics, knows what they feel & communicates it & likes giving & notices enough to receive. Call ★★8969.

Three's Company

Bottom boy would like to share experience of a three-way with a 25-35 y.o. in-shape couple. I am a 26-year-old Mexican, 115 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. I've been told I'm "cute," but why don't you call and judge for yourself. Call ★★8970.

A Touch Of Spirit & Body

Sincere & friendly, 5'10", 165#, GWM is looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 50ish professional likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. built, ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94119 or call ★★8971.

Safe, Sane, Sexy Slavery

I'm 32, 5'10", 175 sturdy lbs., HIV-, NS/ND, very good-looking, clean-cut, blond, educated, creative, safe, caring, honest, communicative. I enjoy master/slave roles as sexual play, not as permanent lifestyle. I want an honest, communicative, good-looking, intelligent man with whom to explore mutual desires. I can be top or bottom. Novice "slaves" welcomed if ready to kneel for collar and leash, handcuffs and fun. Call ★★8972.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) to Boxholder, Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★8973.

Jackpot!

Me: 5'8", 27, 140, GWM, intuitive soul with a brain, arrogant lion/affectionate kitten, well-built, not manufactured, passionate, brutally honest, hip nonconformist, lonely kid, streetsmart and healing, loving sun-spirit. You: stable—not boring, communicative and growing, vulnerable, affectionate, gentle-spirited, bright and tolerant, 20something smooth and very cute or sexy. Us: casual dating, sleeping over, sex, or romance. Any/all possible if we fit. Call ★★8974.

Hot Boy Needs A Dad

Good-looking 28-year-old boy, 6'1", 180 lbs., clean-cut, nice big 8" cock. Self-supporting, emotionally centered. Seeks masculine, beefy, handsome dad, up to mid-40s, stable and secure, to loyally serve in exchange for discipline, direction, guidance and affection I need. Interested in a real relationship, not just play. Call ★★8975.

Little Leo Spitfire

Passionate intelligent dreamer successful spiritual adventurous; don't want to be tamed, don't need to be unleashed; just want quality company for inner and outer journeys. Am 34, 5'7", 130 lbs., cleanshaven, HIV-, sweet disposition, independent, yet easily intimate. Love to play, long walks, the tropics, steamy sex and soulful conversation. Reply BT Box AG91B or call ★★8976.

You Can't Teach An Old Dog...

New tricks. But you might get this young blond to try something new. Pull me out of my easy chair, away from my remote controls and cigarettes—save me from the things I want. Be patient while this thin but monumentally non-athletic guy learns to keep up with you; indulge me part-time with lazy days of long drives and beaches, and nights of eating bad things while watching "Roseanne," "Simpsons" and "Seinfeld." I am an intelligent professional looking for the elusive big-r relationship—you be the same, 39 or under. Culture snobs and quick-sex seekers, please move along. Call ★★8977.

I Hate Television

I'm looking for someone who shares these qualities: intelligent, energetic, and sensitive. Do you care about other people? Are you in touch with your feelings? Do you like to try new things? Do you analyze everyone and everything? Are books and music important to you? I'm a 31 y.o. GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs. Life's too short to be alone. Reply BT Box AG92B.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

Seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity, unconditional love. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★8978.

Do You Dig Talking Dirty & Listening?

Oakland male seeks guys with deep masculine voices and also sexy foreign accents who love to jack off and talk while drinking, smoking, partying at my place. Get into buddy-to-buddy cock worship. Not into top/bottom, role-playing, shaved, videos, mirrors, couples. Must be available for a date, not silly phone chats. Age, looks, size unimportant. Long scenes encouraged. Call ★★8979.

Charging Mid-Life Sex

You're 40+, G, St or Bi. You're still hooked on good sex but your bod is no longer eye-stopping and your erotic anodes and diodes are feeling the years. Let's trade ideas and experiences about how to keep the charge in our sexual batteries. Will share all info I collect with anyone who calls. Call ★★8980.

You Oughta Be In Pictures!

Gay couple, advanced students of 35 mm imagery, seek fashion-minded, good-looking young men willing to model for portrait photography. As friends, we trade your time (90 minutes) for copies of all photographs taken. For us this is an opportunity to refine our skills in people photography. Interested? Let's talk! Call ★★8981.

Unravel My Enigma

I'm a bundle of contradictions. A dark, long-haired professor who doesn't look like what he teaches. A happy extrovert who wears a lot of black. Can deconstruct when I need to, but prefer reading Anne Rice and dancing to Ministry. Stuff: QWM, 5'11", 160, black/brown, political, liberal, black coffee, wandering around, hanging out, bicycling, reading, writing, painting. Seeking one similarly complex man for sustained unraveling. Reply BT Box AG93B or call ★★8982.

Why An Ad?

Because I'm a busy guy running my own business and spending most free time with good friends. Like to date someone who has a good life, but, like me, also wants an intimate relationship with someone special. I'm handsome, early-40s, 5'9", 145 lbs., s/p hair, HIV-. Looking for a NS man who wants to date and get to know me before seeing if sex is enhancement to the relationship. Recent photo and response to BT Box AG94B or call ★★8983.

Suit To Suit Connection

Slender, mature, reserved, sophisticated, career-minded, conservative, masculine, baby-face GAM, 27, 5'9", w/a sense of style, HIV-, monogamous, seeks more dominant GAM for companionship/possible relationship. I am health/fitness conscious, financially secure, reliable and like to have fun when time permits. If you are 28-35, 5'6"-6', cleanshaven, have full head of hair and possess same qualities, call or write. Photo gets immediate response. Reply BT Box AG95B or call ★★8984.

Cum Freak

Needs you/yours. Oral virtuosity; you'll never get enough. Me neither. Box 169, 1275 Washington Ave., San Leandro 94577 or call ★★8985.

Lonely Hearts Club

Average-looking but fun and generous white male, 36, in Pacific Heights, seeks cute boy-friend, under 25, with smooth body and San Francisco cynical or sweet personality... I like cyberpunk, industrial music, roller blades, movies, porno, SoMa sex clubs, performance art and sometimes I like girls, too. Call me if you need a new friend... Call ★★8986.

Black & White

Is a great color combination, but one that's difficult to achieve without going to the Pendulum (good music, but smoky, too many serious drinkers, lots of empty people), or BWMT (creepy!). But I know there has to be the right man out there for me somewhere. He's a GBM, preferably under 35, shorter than I, bright, articulate, funny, slim, sexy and likes older GWMs. I'm late-40s, 5'11", slim, very distinguished-looking, graying at the temples, trim beard & 'stache, cosmopolitan, energetic, witty, city dweller, like the good things in life, and that could include the 2 of us together. Serious replies only, please. Call ★★8987.

Tongue Lashing

45-yr-old mama's boy, HIV-, slight, shy, submissive sissy will grovel and crawl for endowed in-or-out-of-shape, verbally abusive older man, safe only. Turn-ons: dress up, role-playing, big dogs, underarm deodorant. Turn-offs: thumb-suckers, clean underwear and shaved assholes. Call ★★8988.

Outstanding!

I'm quite a catch, but so are you. Let's unite and develop an intimate, powerful, monogamous relationship. I'm smart (Phi Beta Kappa) and currently pursuing a Stanford doctoral degree. I'm masculine and—according to impartial jurors—strikingly handsome (thick, dark brown hair; green eyes). Tennis, running and biking keep my body trim and muscular. Most importantly, my loving, affectionate, expressive nature defines me. I think you'll enjoy both my jousting sense of playfulness and my thoughtful, reflective sides. Expect to share lively conversations, romantic strolls through the foothills at dusk, moonlit picnics on the beach, and unbridled passion from me (we're both HIV-). Don't be surprised if I reach out and give you a deep, forceful kiss when you least expect it (you just drive me wild!). It's key that you, too, are intensely loving and affectionate. Other turn-ons: music (Mozart, singing, jazz...), teaching and learning, art (drawing, Monet, sculpture, colors...), gourmet food, the great outdoors (Big Sur, hiking, oceans, mountains, wild beasts...), a sexy man wearing a good suit and necktie, science, playing with kids and dogs. Turn-offs: drugs, cigarettes, excessive weight, religiousness or hair loss. Please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter describing yourself. Include what you'd ask for if a magic genie popped out of nowhere to eagerly grant you three wishes. (A returnable photo is a must.) Thank you for taking the time to respond to PO Box 8870, Stanford 94309.

Boy-Next-Door GAM

Finds motorcyclists & their machines thrillingly sexy. Seeks masculine GWM top, 25-40, clean-cut, trim & fit, nonsmoker, HIV-, who doesn't mind a passenger warming his backside (and in other ways as well!) on rides in the open country or around town. I'm 29, 5'11", 145 lbs., attractive, lean, articulate, good-humored, ready to share special times. Prefer guys with sportbikes or standards (sorry, not interested in daddies on cruisers/Harleys) living in SF to San Jose area. If interested in meeting a special companion, write to Boxholder, PO Box 451, Mt. Eden, CA 94557-0451 or call ★★8989.

Bondage Is For Tough Guys

Rope master in 40s, handsome GWM with nice salt and pepper moustache, in worn jeans and engineer boots, will tie you, then put a leather collar and gag on you. Then you will feel the pressure of his hands so that your hard cock will poke through one of the rips in your torn Levi's. And then... Be young, tough, and a bondage boy. Call ★★8990.

Admit It...

You're not into all that kinky stuff and really want a nice gentle furry man to rub his soft, full beard all over your smooth/lightly-hairy slender body. One good man deserves another, so give us both a chance at something special and call me. I'm 6'1", 145 lbs. (gym-toned), HIV-, very oral, like facial hair, honesty, and am looking for more than one-timers. Call ★★8991.

Mystic Pizza

Let's create one together. We are two emotionally and financially secure men with a zest for life. We share interests in spiritual growth, healthy eating and exercise habits, outdoor activities, artistic and cultural events, travel, humor, serendipity. Mutual and romantic love flavors ingredients of our relationship. I'm a young-looking and clean-cut 50. Seeking someone my age or younger. Please: HIV-, NS, ND. Call ★★8992.

I Have A Bear Magazine Look

GWM, 38, I'm hairy, husky, balding, with moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs., brn hair & eyes. I seek guy, 20 to 30, with attractive, boyish looks, for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, walks, nature, sci fi, movies. I'm HIV-, practice safe versatile sex & enjoy cuddling. I'm not into bars & I have a good sense of humor. Call ★★8993.

Seeking A Friend Or Relationship

GWM, 41, 5'11", 150, HIV+, in good health. Seeks "relationship-oriented" man who is between 35-45, enjoys intimate dinners, movies, outdoor activities, someone who enjoys intimacy and open communication, willingness to give and receive love and above all a positive attitude about life. Prefer cleanshaven men who are in good shape and have a sense of humor about life. Call ★★8994.

Sex Is...

The single most powerful, transformative energy people have to work with. So why are so many people wasting it? I'm a good-looking (28, 5'9", 160 lbs., br/gr, hung, uncut, smooth, HIV-), intelligent, nice guy with great sense of humor, and spiritual. I like guys who are same. Hairy, bearded & hung are all pluses. But not requirements. Write w/photo to PO Box 425876, SF 94142 or call ★★8995.

No Roommate, Please

This is a private sex ad for those who believe sex is not just the ultimate expression of love but an important method of discovering one another. An attractive, single Asian male interested in developing intimate relationship originated by sexual attractions. However, this is personal—like me you must 25-35 (no exceptions), medium body size, clean-cut, witty and instantly lovable. Not into games, simply get me started with your good taste. A personalized letter with a lovely photo would be most appreciated. Reply BT Box AG96B or call ★★8996.

Testing Waters Again

Looking to rev up social life beyond friends. I'm 47, reasonably well-preserved and attractive, HIV+, 5'10", 155, balding, hirsute. Love films, theater, musical tastes very eclectic. I'm affectionate, sensual, have dry sense of humor, quiet till you get to know me. Prefer another HIV+ in age range 30-50, who takes care of himself, open to life's possibilities. Call ★★8997.

Positively Together

GWM, attractive, 39-year-old, 5'8", 155 lbs., honest and caring. My interests include the arts, the gym, travel, movies/shows, and quiet dinners. I am HIV+ and do all I can to maintain a healthy attitude and life. I'm interested in meeting someone who is mature and friendly, 25-45 years old. Asian/Latino a plus but all welcome to respond. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box AG97B.

Tarzan Seeks Boy

Shy clean-cut and muscular GWM, 44 (looks 34) seeks LTR with the boy of his dreams. If you are a GWM, 21-33, slim, smooth-chested and cleanshaven, with very boy-like features, looking for an attractive and loving partner, we may be a match. I'm a healthy HIV+, enjoy the outdoors, sun, ski, motorcycle, quiet evenings, cuddling and more. This is not like other ads. I am for real. Reply BT Box AG98B or call ★★8998.

One Thing Missing

I have great friends, a great job, a great life... all I need is a great boyfriend! I'm an attractive 28-yr-old GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., in-shape, I'm college-educated, professional and ambitious. You are masculine, bright, confident, spontaneous and fun. We both enjoy dining out, music, movies, people-watching, exploring and adventure. And, we're both great catches. Please be fit, nonsmoking, 35 yrs. old or younger, and HIV-. Call ★★8999.

Buddies And Pals

My favorite friend moved to Chicago, and now is one-thousand miles away. Our good times included singing "Girl From Ipanema" while cruising the Castro, trying to pick out the best tops at the Cafe Flore, and sublimating our sexual frustration together. Our endless debate was whether butch was better, even if nelly was so fun. I'm actually pretty normal, mostly masculine, attractive, not constantly camp, fairly smart, and working on building my career in health care finance. I enjoy drama, music (learning more about classical music), dining, cooking, video, and being out and about. I am 27, GAM, gym-goer, NS/ND, easygoing, unpretentious. Call if you're fun, fit, attractive and 20-30ish. Call ★★9000.

Profesional Espanol, 56, Busca

Europeo, Latino, o Cubano pasivo, suave y refinado para amor. Spanish professional, 56, seeks passive European, Latin, or Cuban for love. Softness and refinement appreciated. Boxholder, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Let's Do It Outside

This good-looking outdoor-adventurous, athletic, masculine WM, 36, 5'10", slim, brn/brn, enjoys mountain biking, bicycle touring, camping, backpacking, x-c skiing, c-w dancing, and exploring California and the world. Lean, strong, healthy, NS, N/drugs, HIV-, with upbeat personality. Affectionate, versatile. Seeking similar athletic, outdoorsy, slim, active, masculine guy, 25-40, for best friendship and love. Prefer N. Bay or SF. Call ★★9001.

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(Hirsute, professional and 50s) is seeking clean buttocks to enhance your childhood regressions

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and adult passions. No discrimination against age, culture, appearance, etc. However, no fragrances or tobacco. Discreet sessions in my serene environment. Send SASE and letter describing your preferred scenario to Boxholder, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

12-Inches Soft!

Not me, but it got your attention! I'm 48, 5'8", 145, br/bl, HIV-, 'stache, hairy chest, tight gym-toned body, successful business consultant/struggling artist; open to new ideas. Sexually: heads or tails, lust for big arms. You: 35-55, HIV-, masculine, any race, armed with your own unique personality, interests. Don't have to match mine, we learn from each other. Is that you? Call me. No SoMa Samurai or Castro Clones, please! Call ★★9002.

Looking For A Few Good Men

Hi. I am a very attractive Afro-American who is healthy HIV+. I am 27, 5'7", 160, and I have very soft, smooth skin. I am a bottom only. I have been clean and sober 1½ years. I like cooking at home, movies, theater, travel, the great outdoors, etc. I am currently in school full-time, my evenings are free. You're free from drugs and alcohol, between the ages 25-40. Call ★★9003.

Oakland Phallic Worship & J/O Obsession

Ritualistic mutual only jerk-off, dirty talk, phallic worship, while chanting, talking, stroking with masculine, aggressive GWM, while partying & consuming substances (medium to wild—share costs 50/50) with other masculine aggressive buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What's important: (1) buddy-to-buddy scene (not top/bottom); (2) devotion to Priapus; (3) late night only (my place). Call ★★9004.

Prelude To A Kiss

One of my favorite movies, one of my favorite things to do. Attractive, romantic GWM, masc. top, HIV-, bearded, balding, 35-yr-old artist w/witty, great sense of humor, 6'3", 200 lbs., hairy, brown hair, green eyes, looking to meet a sincere, down-to-earth, 25-40-yr-old man, who is attractive, fun, grounded & looking for romance/buddy relationship. Promise to return all letters with a photo. Reply BT Box AG99B or call ★★9005.

Into Leather But Not S/M?

I know there are many people out there who love the look of leather on a fine man, especially a real daddy-type, graying at the temples but still trim, sexy, perhaps with a trim beard & 'stache. But you are afraid of approaching such an icon lest you be subjected to pain & abuse. Well, guys, here's a real daddy (late-40s—see the above description) who has no interest in pain. Just loves leather and boys! You: under 30, slim, love leather, daddy-admirer. Serious only; relationship-oriented. Call ★★9006.

Lean

Anyone out there who likes guys who are lean, lithe, or lanky? I work out and have some nice muscles, but I'll never be a hunk! I'm cute, smart, creative and fun, blond, medium height, boyish (people often assume I'm about 34), HIV-, cleanshaven, nonsmoker. Interests in cultural events, doing stuff with friends, outdoors. I'd like a boyfriend who takes care of himself as well as caring for others. Send me a photo and tell me about yourself! Reply BT Box AG100B.

55, 65, 75...

Smooth, stocky, late baby boomer (40ish) is accepting invitations to intimate dinners, romantic walks on the beach, hiking in the woods, overnight camping, stimulating conversation, and naked encounters with mature, accomplished men. I am friendly, good-looking, independent, HIV- and live in San Francisco. Thanks. Reply BT Box AG101B or call ★★9007.

Mr. Right...

... Seeking another Mr. Right, or at least Mr. Right Now. I'm a very happy, attractive and enthusiastic 43-year-old and I'm looking to meet an attractive younger guy, approximately 22-32, to enjoy San Francisco with. I love to explore the City, to walk, hike, cuddle, laugh, movie—go and do just about everything that's fun. Let's enjoy ourselves. My motto: Life is short; eat dessert first. Call ★★9008.

Wrestling

Interested in exploring wrestling fantasy where one guy overpowers and dominates another. Especially into holds where victim helplessly stretches and strains his muscles. Also into heavy massage of pecs and biceps. Me: GWM, 37, 5'11", 162 lbs., muscular, either role. You: muscular, about my age or younger, into having fun. Asian a+. All safe. Call ★★9009.

Hola! Hombres Latinos!

On the street, at a party, I see you. It's always been that way. I'm Irish background, 49 y.o., HIV+ (healthy), exercised but not a "gym body." I'm 5'10", 175#, s/p hair and moustache, blue eyes, educated, humorous, professional person (psychology), opinionated, honest, leftist politics, good friends but no "significant other." That's where you come in! You're roughly in my age range, also a nonsmoker/light drinker, missing the fun (and, yes, the work) of a relationship and willing to give it a try. Warmth, attraction and intimacy are primary, then (safe) sex can follow. If this intrigues you, a letter and picture gets mine. Let's meet for coffee. All replies answered. Reply BT Box AG102B.

Up For Grabs

Single for over a year now and no longer enjoying it, this bright, energetic, sexy, down-to-earth musician is now available for a physically/emotionally/intellectually/spiritually stimulating relationship. I'm Caucasian, 38, 5'10", 145#, kinda hairy, HIV-. I've got short light brown hair and a beard, brown eyes, glasses; don't drink, drug or smoke. I'm masculine, genuine, straightforward and honest, in touch with both my body and my feelings; you're basic T-shirt and jeans kind of guy. I'm playful, creative, fun, wildly affectionate, uninhibited, versatile and admittedly sex-crazed (still recovering). I love movies, dancing, gay comedy, getting away, making music, roller-coasters, peace and quiet, burritos, hot days, wet nights, my shared Castro flat. A LTR with one exceptional like-minded man my age or younger would be great. I'm looking to date first, get sexual later. Let's see what happens. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 14413, SF 94114 or call ★★9010.

Hully Gee

tall ultra-curious non-professional slimhead sweet for another tall thirtyish and beardless traveller moonlighting as a passionate recluse. eggplant shaped skull and shy into: heat skin forearms lip kids rain stories. I live just a little bit behind the beat, am aural, but make a living with my eyes. brats ok, snots not. out-of-time? write how. Reply BT Box AG103B.

Alone But Not Lonely

Somewhat shy romantic yet nice guy seeks playmates, maybe more. Respect, honesty and a bit of passion needed. I'm 6'1", large build, hairy and masculine, some would say cute although I'm aiming for handsome. You: attractive, forward thinking, non-abusive, horny and affectionate. I'm into being healthy, emotionally mature and spiritually aware. Call ★★9011.

Passionate (Body And) Soul—Asian/Latin/All Races

Me: casual & easygoing homebody, moderate individual: Pride, independent Christian/"A Higher Power," sense of humor, sensual but stable, seeking more serious Partner or just friends... other: Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, ethnic food, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, light video, Kirk Cummings, music (Orbison, Sade, Mahalia, Mariah, jazz, etc.)—You: ?? (P.S. Exterior: I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking"). Reply to J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★9012. Letters preferred to call.

The Time Is Near

and you've been expecting to hear from me as much as I have from you. I'm very attractive youthful yet mature Gemini with Virgo ascendant and of a lighter persuasion. You are also attractive and youthful Sagittarian with Pisces ascending but of a darker persuasion. We both are smooth-skinned with slim builds, versatile and highly sexed. Our positive aspects of life not only include our HIV status, but the way in which we embrace it, love it and learn its lessons as well. Together we are perfect polar opposites with the perfect complements to round out each other's lives—soulmates. We are both intelligent with dry wits, but most importantly unafraid to explore the varieties of spice that life has to offer. Let's get started. Call ★★9013.

Sex Buddy Wanted

You: Smooth, defined, stable, very slender to muscular, FrA/P, optional GrP. African American/Asian/Latino a plus. Me: GWM, 39, hairy, husky, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 195 lbs., HIV-, like cuddling, kissing, FrA/P, sometimes GrA, very busy. Us: get together for safe sex (could be ongoing), no relationship (although it's possible) or big time commitment desired. Prefer East Bay. Call ★★9014.

Always Horny

Gay guy, 6'2", hairy, 26, seeks similar for good times. Sex can be great but so is a good friend. I'm looking for both. I'm more of a bottom but love to learn. I'm creative, independent, attractive and the brain is functioning with no problems. I need a real man who is comfy with who he is. Call ★★9015 or write PO Box 426027, SF 94142.

Forget Youth And Beauty!

This middle-aged, plain-looking, slightly pudgy East Bay Black man finds similar men very sexy (and more sincere, honest and availble) on the sought-after "hot studs"). Let's meet and celebrate our maturity and experience. Private East Bay residence, hot xxx "senior" videos, drinks, small groups occasionally. Boxholder, PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★9016.

It's Time!

If you are 25 to 40 y.o., lean, defined, emotionally available, independent, sweet-natured, unpretentious, unreservedly affectionate, healthy, oral bottom who wants to explore the pleasures of heart, mind and body in a monogamous relationship based on honesty, intelligence, spirituality, serenity and passionate concern with a 6'2", 195 lb., 56 y.o., br/br, endowed, hairy top, HIV-, who is gentle, intense, intelligent, quiet, reserved, safe sex sensual—and has never had a lover—write PO Box 640253, SF 94164 or call ★★9017.

College Football Fans

Looking for frat boys (current or recent graduates) to watch college football with two young USC and Washington ex-frat boys. Give us a call and let's watch some games. Call ★★9018.

Seeking Cigar Dad

Your son's grown now: 6'5", 39, 195#, bearded, hung, partnered, but would like to visit sometimes. Watch while you light up a big stogie, then relax and direct my worship of your hard cock & especially your sexy balls! You: handsome daddy, 30-50, weight proportionate, assured, assertive but respectful. You want what I want: to please you. (I'm near River; visit SF often.) Call ★★9019.

Husband Hunting

Married long enough to know the greatest joy: lives intertwined, soulmates, each other's best friend and lover. Widowed long enough to reintegrate as a single man, over the past, ready to explore the future. Tall, dark and handsome, with Omar Sharif looks, my next partner possesses the keys to the kingdom, materially and spiritually. When he unlocks my heart, we ride into the sunset, honeymoon in Firenze, sojourn countryside France, trek Bavaria during Oktoberfest, hunt cowboys in Montana, visit the grandkids, or just cook dinner for friends at the ranch. Healthy, wealthy and wise GWM, mid-40s, 6'1", br/bl, proportionate, NS/ND/HIV-. Available now. Inquire within. PO Box 4307, Napa 94558 or call ★★9020.

North Bay

WM, 39, 160, brown/blue, HIV-, masculine, nonsmoker, nondrinker, healthy diet, multiculturally inclined, not into glamor, pretentiousness, aversity, desire to connect with sincere, communicative, trim male, 28-40, to share mutual interests—whatever they may be—and spend quality intimate time together. PO Box 435, Boyes Hot Springs 95416.

Skinny Boyish-Looking Leftist

Sought by 40-something professional GWM into intimacy, the outdoors, friends, politics and having fun together. I'm tall, handsome, smart and congenial—the kind of man you'd introduce to your mother. I want to date someone who has his own life and passions, who's into communicating feelings, who has progressive politics and monogamous tendencies. A bit neurotic or a little nerdy is just fine. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box AG104B or call ★★9021.

Imagine This S/M

Get hard at the idea of a boy for your footstool? Excited by a handsome man at your feet begging to lick boots? Like the sight of legs spread wide begging for butt-stuffing? Like using your boy covered in rubber, waiting for you to take a piss? If you are a leatherman who likes to play hard, respect limits, hug a lot, call this 29 y.o. at ★★9022.

Do You Desire

One special, loving man in your life? Someone who is down-to-earth, considerate, sensitive, supportive & extremely affectionate & playful (A-1 kisser, toucher, cuddler)? I am a very attractive, masculine, 40ish Caucasian professional, 6'2", 190 lbs., bl/gr. with facial hair, an excellent physique, HIV-. My interests include my home, CW dancing (you too), working out, running, massage, painting, photography, and especially spending quiet times with one special person. You should be a similar monogamous, relationship-oriented GWM, mid-30s/early-40s, around 6', with facial hair, trim build, ND, NS, no piercings, HIV-, who is emotionally & affectionally available & not overly into the gay scene. Non-returnable photo mandatory. Reply BT Box AG105B.

Talk Soup

Me: HIV+, 34, boyishly handsome, thin-lean (5'7", 135), cleanshaven, insatiably funny eclectic interests: talk soup, queer video, John Waters—Fassbinder, abnormal psychology—financially secure (both). You be HIV+—non-HIVphobic, late-20s to 30s, race unimportant, very muscular to lean, great face (no facial hair), smooth or shaved, savvy-maverick type, warmth, humor, be out and comfortable with sexuality (queer); no Republicans, no closet cases. Recent photo (this century); all photos returned. Romance, friendship? Who knows? Reply BT Box AG106B or call ★★9023.

HIV+ Latin Top Wanted

Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio only. Moustache, uncut, husky, tattoos, mota, are "A" plus with me. I'm blond, blue, 6 foot, moustached, hairy, and seeking a soulmate. Call ★★9024.

A Great Find For The Right Guy

Educated, masculine, GWM, 38, 5'6", br/green, slim and athletic shape. My friends say I'm handsome but if they didn't they wouldn't be my friends. I spend my time designing software, reading, going to classes, working in my small SF garden, eating spicy food, riding my mountain bike in the headlands, listening to jazz and new music, and, on occasion, dancing (badly). I'm looking to meet a man who shares some of my interests and who doesn't use the words "friend" and "love" casually as he knows what they mean. You know that conversation, communication and honesty are essential and you care for the feelings of others. You are an athletic GWM, 33 to 43, NS, HIV-, and at least as tall as I am. Let's meet for coffee or a beer or maybe a bike ride to Tennessee Valley. Call or write me a letter at BT Box AG107B and include a photo if you have one; or call ★★9025.

Road Warrior Seeks Linebacker/Wrestler Type

WM, 33, 6', 185, handsome, intelligent, kickboxer, musician, great smile, big legs, Mad Max/Terminator looks seeks partner over 6', 200 lbs., big build, masculine, straight-oriented, any age (older, bearded a plus). I am looking for companionship/relationship with a real man. No sleaze or phonies. PO Box 5502, Novato 94945 or call ★★9026.

Here Goes!

I'm not finding what I'm looking for in the bars, so let's see what this brings, shall we? Me: 5'11", 165 lbs., 30" waist, 50, trim beard and 'stache, full head of hair (all graying), HIV-, NS, ND except wine with meals. Extremely energetic, socially involved, active fundraiser, gregarious, professional (AIDS field), successful musician. Like opera, CW (music and dancing), fine dining (great cook), city living, gracious manners, England (born there), Australia (go every year), Venice, good wine, politics, cats, wearing leather (but not living in it), camping. No interest in sports. You: share many of the above interests, HIV-, NS, under 33 or so, slim, shorter, funny, like older guys with youthful vigor, looking for Mr. Right. One-night stands OK but I'm looking for Mr. Right too. Call ★★9027.

Haven't Found The Right Man Yet

But, I haven't given up. Honesty, integrity and sincerity define my character. I would expect the same from you. I'm a handsome GWM, 5'8", 145 lbs., 43, br/bl, and HIV-. I'm also romantic, kind, creative, spontaneous, responsive and gregarious. As an SF business professional, I also find time for volunteer work and to be a sports fan. Who are you? An attractive, masculine, GWM, 35-45, subtly aggressive, in-shape, with a great sense of humor. A moustache is a plus. Call ★★9028.

Not Just Sex!

I'm a professional GWM who enjoys laughter, friends, my home, volunteering, working out, travel, city life, Live 105, Motown and safe hot sex. I'm 35, 145, 5'9", thinning blond, moustache, versatile/bottom. You, like me, are HIV-, fun, masculine, fit, attractive, (not perfect), NS, social drinker and stable. Bonus points: 30s, under 5'10", dark hair or hairy but call anyway. Call ★★9029.

Definitely Different

Eclectic, witty, quirky, down-to-earth, young in mind, body and spirit, reasonably attractive, athletic, healthy, friendly, shy, very single. GWM, 31, 6', 180, blond/blue seeks under 30, trim GAM with similar interests: sports (football, softball, tennis, volleyball), movies (Star Trek to Mel Brooks), music (Manilow to Madonna), food, the outdoors, sex, more. I want to share my life with someone. Will you share yours with me? Call ★★9030.

Realistically Passionate

GBM, 5 ft., 115 lbs., dancer's build, smooth, hairless, muscular body, HIV+, 35 yrs. old, into reality not fantasies about who you and I are; want friendship, trust and passion with a man I love; adventures, travel, sex with men I am passionate about. Sensitive and a very romantic sane person looking for passionate, romantic man who owns himself. You gotta like sex. Call ★★9031.

Muscle Worship

Bodybuilders—flex those muscles and get the personal attention you deserve. After a hard work-out, sample my excellent program. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call ★★9032 or write: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

I Love To Shoot

Pool, that is, besides other things. Above average player looking to meet friends who like to play 9-ball, 8-ball, or straight pool and who are somewhat competitive. Asian, 27, 5'11", 160, good-looking, prof. You must be an average to above average player, NS, ND, 22-30, friendly and easygoing. A+ if you know what right hand English means. Let's break some balls. Call ★★9033.

No Excess Baggage

GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, attractive, very muscular, HIV-, professional, seeks GWM under 40, cleanshaven, HIV-, professionally employed, financially secure SF resident, who has a minimal amount of excess baggage to bring into a relationship. Requirements: attractive, have hair, love travel, two-stepper, no cats, love dogs, do volunteer work, develop muscles, done therapy, and is sexually versatile and creative. Call ★★9034.

Don't Hate Me Because I'm Lovable...

I get enough of that from my family! OK, I've got a sharp wit and a fast tongue, but I never use them for malicious fun (yeah, right). Honest, I'm just a warm, caring man with above average looks and intelligence. I work out (3x week), but I'm no bodybuilder. You don't have to be either, though big beefy chests make my mouth water. In other respects, I'm looking for a similar man... GWM, HIV-, clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoking and drug-free. Stats: 40, 5'8", 160, brown hair, green eyes, and wear glasses. There's more to tell, but this free ad is getting expensive. Call ★★9035.

Merger? If You're Looking For A Corp. Merger,

a buyout, call your broker. That's what most of these ads sound like—professional, well-educated, financially secure, etc. As if that makes for an ideal LTR. We're all professionals; we're all educated. What we all aren't is honest. My insides match my outsides. Of course I'm handsome, 6', 195, brn/blue, ND, NS, WM, HIV-, hairy, cut/average, spiritual, enjoy all the stuff mentioned in most ads. You: 28-30s, smooth, cut, under 5'8", 170 approx., W/A/L males, cute more than handsome, but nothing is set in cement. Call. Let's create. Call ★★9036.

You And Me

Optimistic in forming a quality friendship for special times and mutual sharing of life and future. Sincere, East Bay, good-looking, bearded GWM, 40s, 5'10", 140, masc., hairy, responsible, N/alchol, ND, has genuine liking, loving, sensuous/safe sexual feelings to give and needs same from special buddy. I enjoy home life, classic cars, old movies, the beach and bare feet. Your call welcomed, especially East Bay area. Call ★★9037.

UCB Grad Student

GAM, 28, 5'10", 170 lbs., attractive, well-built, straight appearance w/progressive mind/ideas. Looking for someone similar for study breaks, RSF workouts, people-watching, hanging out and maybe even some adventure. Call ★★9038.

Mentor, Joker, Scholar, Scientist

GWM older than you are, a benign daddy looking for extra-bright skinny boy (just one) for friendship, maybe more. Hung, uncut, hi-energy, HIV-, NS, light drink, grass. I don't cotton to many Republicans and just feel sorry for Bradshaw addicts. Love James Hillman. Young artists, musicians, child prodigies in brain surgery all welcome. Write revealing letter with returnable pic to Occupant, PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9039.

Handsome, Dedicated, Regular Guy

Is what I am & what I'm seeking in another to share the everyday joys of a variety of activities from movie & theater to travel; walking, hiking, weekend trips, etc. I'm 34 years old, 5'10", 155, professionally employed, HIV-. I don't smoke & regularly attend church. I'm a good, kind, decent & handsome guy who is a devoted son & friend and am sincere in finding another committed guy between the ages of 30-40, slender like myself, for building a stable, monogamous relationship that will enhance both our lives. Let's give it a try! All my best. Reply BT Box AG108B or call ★★9040.

Let's Celebrate Life

Attractive Eurasian, 5'8", 150 lbs., 35 y.o., HIV-. Am cleanshaven, smooth & trim, and jog and swim regularly. Seeking earth spirit to go backpacking & taking long moonlit walks. Love holding hands and kissing. Somebody who's emotionally stable and similar in age. Let's enjoy the best that life has to offer. Call ★★9041.

A Regular Guy

I'm a solid, sensual, hairy, attractive and honest WM. Looking for sensual playmate and (gasp!) maybe even a friend. Unaffected, masculine Bay Area native, very well-maintained late-30s, HIV-, bright smile, sexy bedroom-eyes. Like me, you have a nicely developed body and muscular chest, love to kiss, weight in proportion to height, a good personality, dependable, balanced and not one to overstate. Call ★★9042.

Ready For Action?

Handsome, happy, hunky guy, 43, 6', 170 lbs., dk br/bl, trim moustache, very sensual, white/Hispanic, into music, photography, movies, dining out, plus outdoor activities, seeks similar guy. You: 30 to 50, fit, secure, fun, cleanshaven or moustached, looking for a great friendship/possible relationship. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 460103, SF 94146-0103 (photo optional/returned).

There's A Place For Us

In each other's arms, minds and hearts. We have

traditional values, liberal outlook; relationship-oriented but mature enough not to "fall in love with love." Both educated, traveled, bright, good-humored, eclectic interests. I'm GWM, 5'9", 160, Nordic blond, smoker, HIV+, healthy both physically and emotionally. You're probably a few years younger, a little shorter—or not. Both into long kisses, nipple play, affection. Let's pillow talk about the possibilities. Call ★★9043.

Like Football Players?

Check out this man's man with rugged good looks, a big neck, thick thighs and arms, a beer belly and love handles. A forthright, assertive, ex-military Irish-looking outdoorsman, 45, who's healthy, strong, smart and very masculine, likes younger men needing a bigger, older guy to hang on to for fun, for support and more. Write Boxholder, PO Box 424986, SF 94142 or call ★★9044.

I Like Ass

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., looking for other attractive GWMs, 18-35, who have a slim build and nice buns. I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Call ★★9045.

Body Worship

Asian bodybuilder, 25, tanned, smooth body & bubble butt seeks in-shape (preferably body-builders with well-built bodies) studs under 35 for fun times. I will give you sensual massage, worship your big dick & let you service my bubble butt. Couples are welcome. I am very creative, playful & ready to please. Call ★★9046.

Single And HIV+ In San Francisco

Handsome Latino, healthy, 29 y.o., seeks friendship or possible relationship with an attractive GWM or Latino, 25-40 y.o., who is intelligent, emotionally secure, honest, with a good sense of humor and a kind heart. I am 5'9", 150 lbs., blk/br, educated, unpretentious, somewhat shy but working this issue. I enjoy movies, all kinds of music, concerts, travel, some sports events, shopping, do volunteer work, love to eat, and tired of doing things alone. I haven't had a serious relationship in 4 yrs.+, mostly by choice. The time has come to change that. Take a chance. I am. Photo, letter appreciated. Reply BT Box AG109B or call ★★9047.

The Real Thing

I'm 31, 5'9", 185 lbs. Rock solid, vascular muscle on a physically beautiful and masculine man. X-healthy HIV+. Inside I'm genuine, funny, articulate and centered with too many interests to list. I'm truly a nice, regular, happy guy who happens to be incredible to look at. You must also be in excellent physical shape, attractive and, more importantly, a lover of life who knows that the glass is half full. Call ★★9048.

Unemployed Latino Top

Are you a slim/toned GWM under 40, 5'11" or shorter, a bottom (with smooth round buns), and masculine? This attractive Latino (top), HIV-, 5'11", hung (8" plus/thick), (facial hair also) is seeking you to warm my nights and for a potential relationship. Kindness/intelligence, facial hair and knowledge of enema usage a plus. Reply—color photo/letter to Boxholder, PO Box 427041, SF 94142.

Romance Anyone?

GWM topman, 51 yrs. young, Leo, 5'8", 155, br/br, candid, realistic, honest, intelligent, propertied, enjoys romancing. Interests include: outdoors, hiking, swimming, boating, movies (old & new), theater, C&W dancing, antique auctions. More Gap than Gump's, more country than r&r. Can accommodate a fuck-buddy, dating, or LTR. You: GWM, pro., enjoy being romanced. Pluses include: smooth, bl/bl, ht/wt appro. Tired of sitting in front of that TV, or bar tripping? Get a life! Get a date! Call ★★9049.

Friendship... Relationship (?)

Attractive, good-looking, open, fun GAM (27 y.o., 5'6", 130 lbs., HIV-) looking for muscular, attractive guys (any race), 25-35, to date and possibly share romance. I have a lot of interests and easy to get along with. Please call... You won't be sorry! Call ★★9050.

The Winner Gets It All

GWM, 31, 6', seeks similar, 30-36, no smoking/drugs, versatile. Intellectual enough to revel in debate, shallow enough to want those discussions while sunbathing at beach. Deep enough to know what's inside counts, vain enough to spend time at gym trying to get outside right too. Spiritual enough to strive for personal enlightenment, worldly enough to enjoy earthly pleasures including sex (!), skiing, hiking, tennis, golf, theater. Reply BT Box AG110B or call ★★9051.

Wrestling Club

Group of men interested in exploring the sensual, playful and sexual aspects of wrestling in a friendly, noncompetitive environment needs an equipped meeting place. We're into diverse wrestling fantasies... playful rough-housing, farmboy rasslin', professional TV-style, domination/submission, clothing optional, (what's yours?), but need a mat space. Do you have one we can use? Care to join us? Write to 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

40+

GWM, leather, daddy boy stuff, man-to-man sweat, affectionate touch. I'm 5'9", 180 lbs., gym buffed, cycling fit, healthy HIV, easygoing, registered green, read poetry, follow visual arts, have tattoos & piercings. Not a consumer, except CDs. Am open to a variety of interactions from fuckbuddy to significant other. If you take care of yourself, have a sense of humor, give me a call. You never know. Call ★★9052.

Big Brother

Are you... rough around the edges? Street smart? A kid at heart? Got some country blue collar style? Butch attitude? A hot smile? Under 5'10", trim, hunky build? Late-20s-30s? Looking for a big brother? Me: GWM, top, butch, ex-farm boy with city veneer, 5'10", 160#, br/br, 'stache, sometimes sleazy, hunky athletic, outdoors guy. Great buddy, HIV-, 40s, and looking for a little brother. Call ★★9053.

Large Big Boy

GWM, 35, 290#, blond, looking for men not inhibited by my weight. I'm soft and passionate, love the ocean, outdoors and kissing. I've been lonely too long. Let's get together and cuddle. Maybe dance and have a good time. Looking for a man between 35-50 who's sensitive and caring—only sincere men need reply—and open with being gay. Light S/M. Reply BT Box AG111B or call ★★9054.

R U 50(+)?

Possibly gray(ing) or bald(ing) with facial hair? 30 y.o., bearded GWM, HIV-, with daddy complex wants to do it with you. Can be top or bottom depending on you, daddy. Will do kink if daddy needs it. Vanilla is great too! Seeking sex. Relationship maybe? Smokers are OK, but no drugs or heavy drinkers. Photo replies, you get mine in return, with your needs detailed. Thanks. Reply BT Box AG112B.

Size-O-Philes Skip This Ad

As can rough lovers and those who cannot relax to a gentle touch, an easy, intense cum. My interests are the quick-comers and less-than-endowed who may be comfortable with my attention to their pleasure, and their attention to mine; someone with the sense to appreciate how safe and singularly satisfying a J/O relationship can be. GWM, beard, 180 lbs., 5'8", hairy chest. Call ★★9055.

ABC

Asians, Blacks, Caucasians—white male, 5'8", 145, HIV-, nicely hung, seeks other HIV- males, clean, sincere, married, bi, single, ND, NS, light drink. Age/looks unimportant. Basic bottom to B and C, but top to A. Safe sex only. No games; no S/M. P/P if possible. Live near Oakland. PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566.

Older Seeks To Connect!

Late 50ish GWM, tall (6'4"), somewhat hefty (240#), silver hair, hazel eyes, educated, standard interests, would like to connect with mature male, any race (prefer dark, masculine, less hefty than myself) for occasional to frequent contact. Reciprocal personal, physical warmth sought. Please write to Box 200, 1827 Haight St., SF 94117 or call ★★9056.

Congenial, Slim, Mid-Aged

GWM, 5'8", bearded, balding, wears upper denture, passionate kisser but long time no sexual activity, would like to meet a studly guy who will teach me how to deep throat his thick, healthy, uncut dick. Call ★★9057.

The Wedding Banquet

Okay, it takes time for a relationship like that to develop. I'm looking for an attractive, under 35 y.o. GWM to date and enjoy intimate times leading to a possible monogamous relationship. I'm an attractive 25 y.o. GAM who is goal-oriented. You should be decent, have goals for yourself, NS, ND, and HIV-. Otherwise chemistry & compatibility are most important. Let's get to know each other! Call ★★9058.

Basic Nice Guy

With an interest in the outdoors, arts, bargain hunting and community participation seeks another male to explore city life. 32, tall, 190, Italian features, short brown hair with a moustache. HIV-, drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free. Reply BT Box AG113B.

My Boyfriend:

What do I want in a boyfriend? Probably the same things you're looking for: a sense of both physical and emotional attraction—a connection; trust, sensuality and integrity. I'm HIV-, 37, masculine, brown hair, brown eyes, 5'11", 172 lbs., muscular, athletic, "outdoors-type," professional, educated and, yes, handsome. I'm looking for a similar GWM, say 29ish to 38, with whom I can develop an incredibly "tight" relationship—just the two of us—and call my lover. Wouldn't you? Write or call, and tell me a little about yourself. Reply BT Box AG114B or call ★★9059.

Integrated Male Seeks Same

50ish/young in spirit, with intelligence, verbal skills, whimsy/humor seeks like-spirited searcher for possible relationship. Prefer a non-compulsive achiever, NS, not fixed on size, symbols or status or calling men "sister." I enjoy long hikes, mutuality, reciprocity, can be quiet, funny, profound, and a lively conversationalist. Answering ads didn't work for me; perhaps this will for us. Call ★★9060.

Tired Of Games

Young Latino male, 27, looking for GBM. Me: sincere, outgoing, open-minded—tired of bar scene. You: same. Call ★★9061.

Mystic Playboy

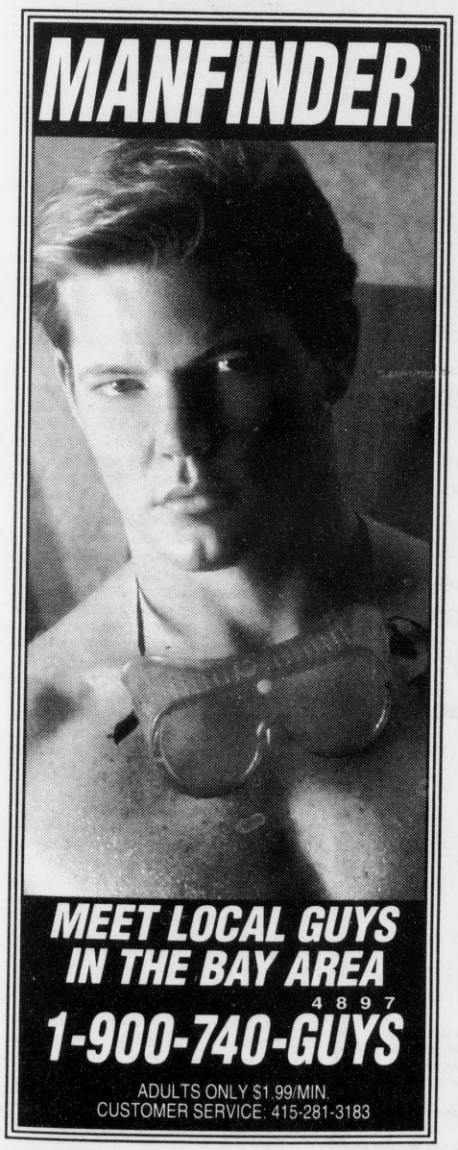
GWM, 26, 6 ft., long hair, goatee and moustache. Cute, communicative and not cynical, educated, progressive, spiritual, not shallow, open mind and heart, kind and emotionally available; very mystically inclined, properly therapized, into bodywork, meditation, bicycling. Seeks butch-of-center guy with similar interests, good intimacy skills and emotional integrity who has a wide variety of intersts, is fun and bright and has a positive outlook on life. Call ★★9062.

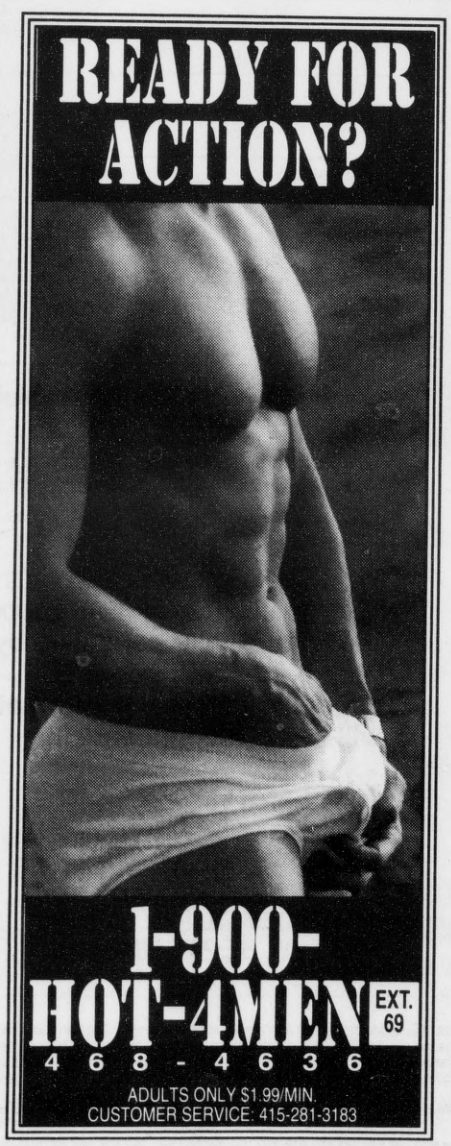
I Love My Friends

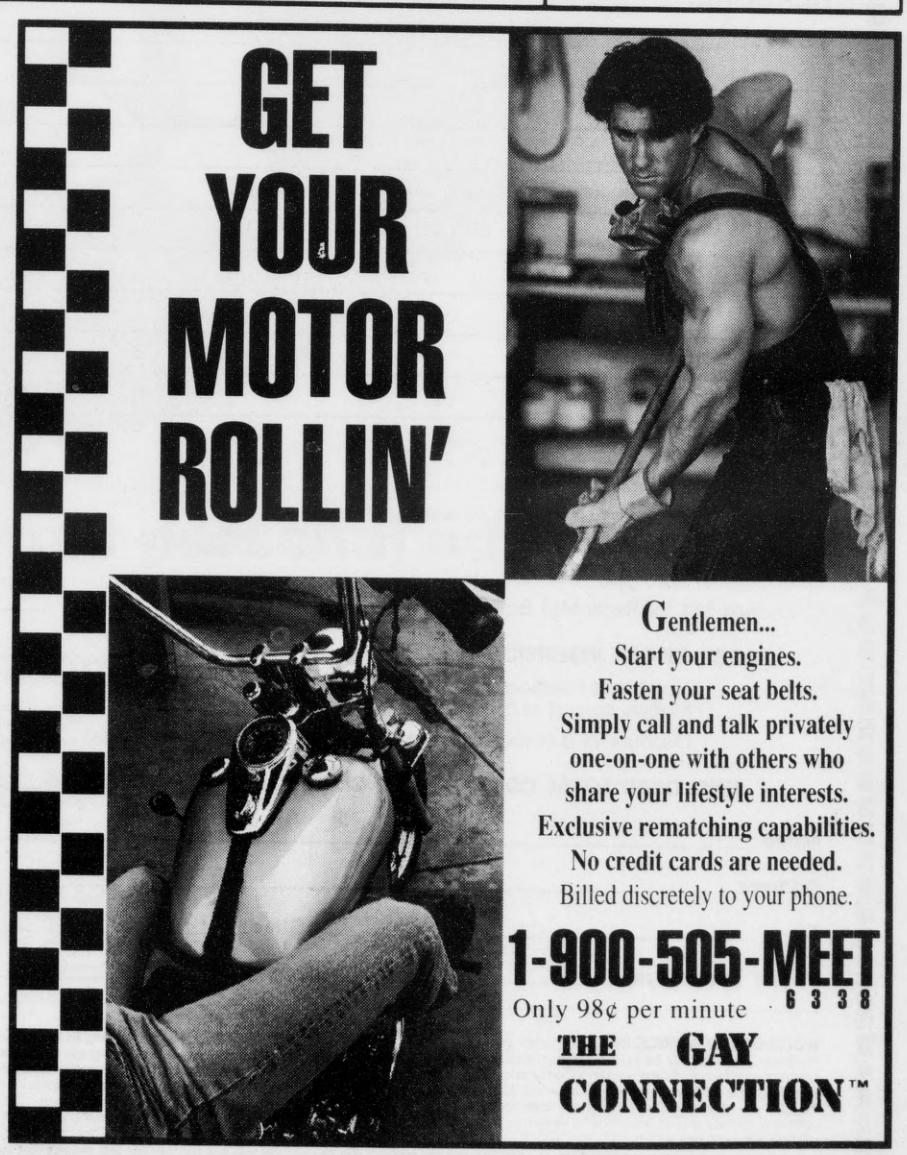
Hirsute, handsome, humorous, 40 y.o. GWM, 150, 5'10", seeks several manly good friends, 35-55, for naked & clothed fun. You: handsome (maybe in an odd way), very bright, in-shape, facial haired and/or hirsute, stable, friendly, successful, into touching and laughing. Me: sinewy, moustache, brown/green, HIV-, sober, sensuous, witty, safe sexer, into theater, creativity, nudism, music-making, antiques, dogs, walking, low camp. An unusual man of heart and substance. Like you. Shine me your light in a message. Call ★★9063.

Shy Romantic

Good-looking GWM, tired of bars, attitude, seeks







special guy to get to know, share times with, possibly leading to a relationship. Me: 42, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, full stache, hunky body (regular gym-goer), nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker, HIV-. Interests: travel, language, Spanish & Italian, gourmet cook, fine wines, outdoors, antiques, hot safe sex, foreskins (nice but not mandatory), honest, communicator. You: 29-40, blond/brunette, moustache, stable, HIV-, similar interests, nonsmoker/drugs, light drinker. Looking to meet quality men for dating and maybe more. Life's short, take a chance. If the above interests you, reply with a recent photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 14186, SF 94114 or call ★★9064.

Discretion A Must

This attractive, 5'11", muscular, 172 lbs., handsome, brown/brown, HIV-, sexually versatile guy is looking for another similar type, up to say 37, for trusting, sexual fun. Getting off outside the bedroom, camping nude all weekend long and "doing it" in the forest, or just laying around together get me off real good. Drop me a line if you're interested in sexual bonding without the commitment and stuff. Reply BT Box AG115B or call ★★9065.

Tall Trim Top

Interviewing handsome, cute and beautiful muscular men with well-developed chests who love being plowed and dominated. Commanding GWM, 40, HIV-, above average in looks, brains and balls, prefers mesomorphs with rounded shoulders, big biceps and chewable tits, (18-48), HIV-, with intelligence, heart, sense of humor, emotional awareness, passion for life, NS, ND. Call ★★9066.

Tall, Playful, Sensual, Passionate Nature Lover

6'2", 175 lbs, toned, muscular, athletic, good-looking, blue-eyed, bearded, hairy, very masculine, sensitive, hot, aggressive, bottom man with long, talented tongue and celibate, yet eager rear seeks a masculine, tight-bodied (a little overweight OK), playful, affectionate, romantic, spiritual, sexy, youthful-looking, attractive, health-conscious, HIV- topman, approx. 25-45, for intimate, growing love relationship. I'm into hiking, camping, beaches, biking, holistic healing, yoga, plants, animals, movies (old and new), nurturing massage, cuddling, hot passionate kissing and open, honest communication. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★9067.

L 4 L

Seeking Latino with stocky build, not gym-obsessed but in-shape, who is attracted to white guys. I like to hang somewhat outside of the scene. 37, 5'10", 150, brown hair and eyes, athletic, grounded, decent looks. Unconventional businessman, career-oriented, art background, flexible in nature and basically adventurous. Send letter/photo to Boxholder #81, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★9068.

Dim Sum

This warm-hearted, professional WM, 36, 5'7", 140 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, seeks a fun-loving, good-natured Chinese male who has eclectic taste in Chinese culture, music and food. Interested in bonding with the right person but also want to develop new friends. Enjoy working out, dancing, hiking, fiction, films, and quiet times for romantic interludes. Additional pluses if nonsmoker and like Andy Lau, HK singer. Call ★★9069.

Let's Get Together

This non-sedate Asian male, 46, 5'9", 145 lbs., is interested in meeting other masculine, physically active, clean-cut guys for male bonding. We enjoy diverse cultural and social activities available in the City and the Bay Area. Interests include the arts, films, multi-ethnic foods, workouts, running, camping, card game (poker), dancing, travel, music, bargain hunting, and home life. Somewhat assertive but very respectful and sensitive. Able to develop and share mutual feelings (joy and sorrow) and be counted as a trusted, resourceful companion. Call ★★9070.

Smarter Than Your Average Bear...

... cuter, too! Sexy, spirited, SoMa-based Yogi Bear, bearded, mid-30s, Libran, seronegative, safe, sexually assertive, shortish but proportionate build; Midwest/Mediterranean/Mexican mixture of Renaissance humanitarian, creative communicator, and transcendental traveler; enjoys mutual passion-play, sweaty workouts, reciprocal bodyrubs, and spoon-sleeping with compassionate, comely, accomplished, compatible comrade. Brighter-than-your-basic Boo Boos encouraged to contact: RJS, 2215-R Market St., #560, SF 94114 or call ★★9071.

Genuine Man's Cocksucker

... not always gay, but 100% fag; wants a man who is honest, versatile/top, tall, decent-looking, 30-45, energetic, self-confident, kind, and has a big dick. I am independent, very smart, loyal, smell bullshit a mile off, like children and dogs, tend to be cynical, have no respect for liberal drivel; sexually like roles and have a hot mouth; physically look like a cuter Mickey Rourke—5'10", 185, cleanshaven, generic good-looking thirtysomething white boy—but love Hothead Paisan. No heavy drugs or Republicans. Mail: Boxholder, PO Box 161, Richmond 94807-0161 or call ★★9072.

Free Willy

(With any gasoline purchase!) Just kidding... What I really want is someone to free my willie on a regular basis. I'm a GWM, 39, stocky (not orcaish), very hairy, masculine, hung, passionate top in bed (or water), HIV+. You're Asian, Latin, Italian, smooth, bottom. No sharks, please. Call ★★9073.

Hot Hot Top Wanted

By this hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot hot bottom. Send letter/erotic photo to Boxholder M., PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9074.

Longhaired Pothead

Is a headline that might catch your fancy and land us a date this weekend. Easygoing, cleanshaven, med. height/build blond guy living in the redwoods seeks adventuresome, honest, reasonably cute buddy to hang out with now and then. Enjoy cleanshaven, tobacco-free, 20s-40s men who can respect one's individuality and still have a good time. (North Bay a plus.) Call ★★9075.

Smooth, Latin, Asian, HIV+?

Attractive GWM, topman, looking for hot, smooth men of color for sensual, passionate action. Me: 39, dark brown hair/moustache, striking blue eyes, stocky, hairy, masculine and hung. I'm aggressive between the sheets and love to show a hot bottom a good time. You: smooth (smooth legs a plus) bottom, Latin, Asian, etc. No (or few) vices. Hopefully masculine and cute/handsome. Call ★★9076.

Big Heart

Looking for another big heart. It's so hard to find. I think we all have big hearts on the inside but it's hard to show on the outside. I think there's a special quality in being gay. I know I'm special. I'm also very affectionate, romantic, handsome, muscular, 5'11", 170#, br/bl, sexy, hot butt. Sexually bottom. Send photo/letter: Boxholder M., PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★9077.

Sex-Guys-Videotapes

Most relationships start with a sexual encounter. Then let's try this approach. You: GWM, oral (getting head) fixated, 35+, good looks, well maintained appearance, endowed, masculine, enjoys kissing, "man-to-man contact touching." Me: attractive GWM, 6', mature, masculine, good bod, tan, very very sexual, somewhat exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, enjoys popper, occasional wine or beer. Hot apt.—b/w decor with extensive male art in the Van Ness corridor of the City. Turn-offs: unclean men; femmes, small cocks, out-of-shape men. Goal: mutual satisfaction, fun experiences, male bonding; buddy, "lover." What have you got to lose but your load? Reply BT Box AG116B or call ★★9078.

Attention: Shoppers—

Where are all the natural, down-to-earth GWMs in the Bay Area? I'm looking to find a beefy, sexy, masculine, nice looks, gentle, 40+ (age not negotiable), good body (weight & height proportional), versatile with oral preference, well-equipped tool, somewhat exploratory, exhibitionist, and unafraid of public expression of feelings to mate. This mature man, nature-oriented, 6'1", 180#, tanned good body, employment security, green eyes, gray blond hair, an oral connoisseur with pierced pecs and armband tattoos. Multi interests, animal lover (2 cats). Looking to find "a man," open-minded, sincere, sense of humor, caring, incurable romantic, looking toward LTR possibilities. Letter required w/photo (no photo, no response). Have lots to offer. "Sleeping alone sucks." Reply BT Box AG117B or call ★★9079.

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FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

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IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through October 26. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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